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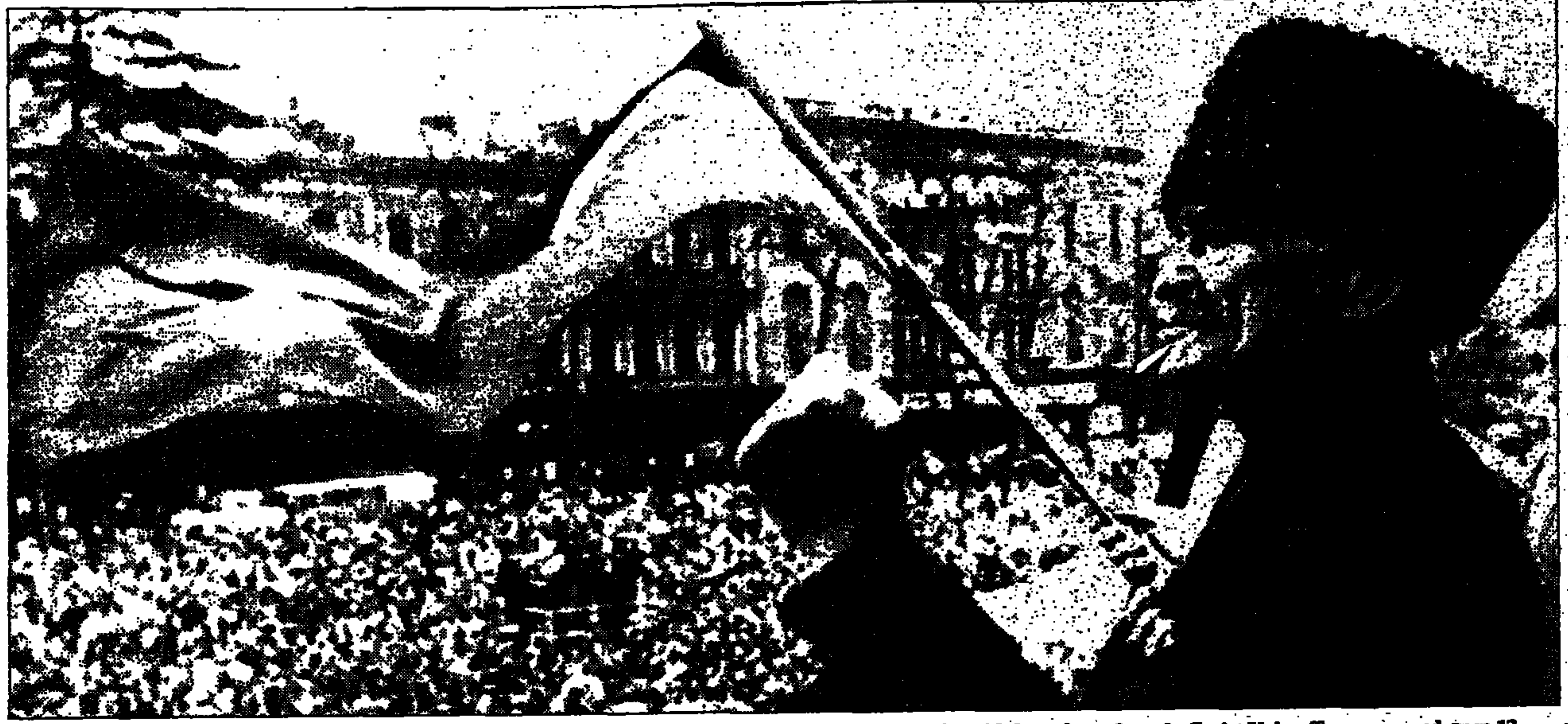


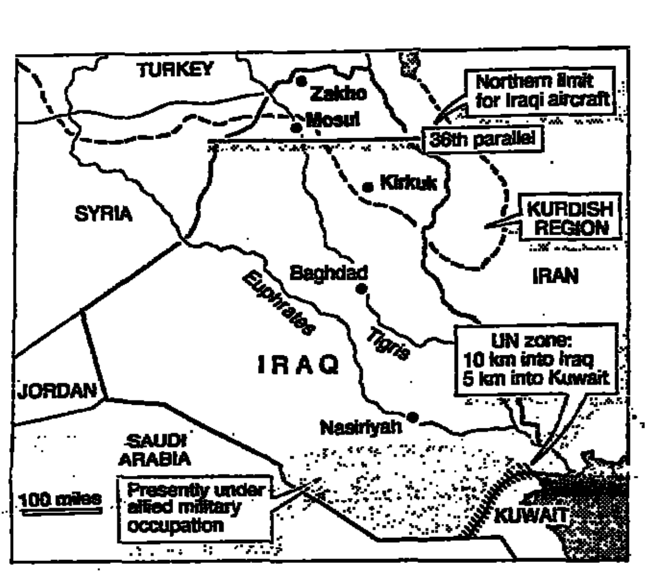
Standard-bearer: a Georgian man showing his support as demonstrators celebrate the republic's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union. Troops accused, page 13

US gets tough with Saddam over Kurds

By MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICA has ordered *Iraq to stop all military* action in Kurdish regions of northern Iraq. The instruction carried the clear implication that the United States would use force if it was ignored.

The White House said that fixed-wing or helicopter gunship flights were expressly forbidden in the exclusion zone, which covers all of Iraq north of the 36th parallel, including the cities of Mosul and Dohok.



Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said yesterday that the order had been issued to protect American personnel engaged in relief efforts. But it clearly also served to protect Kurdish rebels from President Saddam Hussein's army and will be seen as a *relaxation* of Washington's adamant refusal to intervene in Iraq's civil war. Mr Fitzwater said that since the instruction went out earlier this week, Saddam's forces had ceased military activities in the area.

America's latest move to protect the Kurds came as John Major continued his quest to find support for his plan to create safe havens for them in northern Iraq. That initiative has received a lukewarm response in Washington, and officials there yesterday complained about Mr Major's failure to consult the Bush administration before putting his proposals to *the European summit in* Luxembourg on Monday.

The prime minister has not been deterred by such complaints, nor by pessimism at the United Nations about the *prospects of winning* security council support for his idea. "We are continuing to push it very hard," he said. Mr Major spoke to President Bush on the telephone last night to press the initiative and to try to get a clearer idea of American objections. He also sent messages to President Gorbachev, Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-*General. China* and the Soviet Union have both expressed reservations about violating Iraq's sovereignty.

France, which gave early backing to the sanctuary idea, *insists that the* "tradition of national sovereignty" need not be sacrosanct.

Iraq reiterated that it would "use all means" to resist the imposition of safe zones, and repeated its calls to the refugees to go home. The Iraqi news agency said that 13,000 had returned to the city of Sulaymaniyah. Iraqi television showed film of convoys of lorries stacked with food heading north.

Kurdish leaders rejected the claims of those returning as wildly exaggerated, although they conceded that some had gone back because the situation in the mountains on the Turkish and Iranian borders was so desperate. Doctors at the Uzumlu camp in Turkey said about a thousand adults had died of cold and hunger in the past ten days and that twenty children a day were dying. "In two or three days, thousands of children will die of gastroenteritis and pneumonia," one said. Little or no *international aid had reached* the camp.

The Kurds also said that aid was failing to reach the refugees on the Iranian border, even though Mr Fitzwater *said that 145 tons of relief* supplies had been dropped over northern Iraq. He said America had assembled enough food to feed 300,000 people for a month.

While Washington stepped up its action to help those in the north, it remained determined to withdraw all its remaining troops from the south by the end of the month, adding to fears for the 40,000 Iraqis who have taken refuge behind allied lines. They are begging the American soldiers not to leave them.

A 1,440-strong UN force is being sent to the Iraq-Kuwait border to establish a nine-mile-wide demilitarised zone. But the administration of law and order will be left to the two countries, so that Iraqi police will be able to operate up to the frontier.

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Red tape strangles oil-fire fighters

By DAVID WATTS

A LEADING American scientist will warn the White House today that paralysis of the Kuwaiti government and *bureaucratic delays in Saudi* Arabia are threatening attempts to put out blazing oil wells. Some fire-fighting crews are on the verge of pulling out in frustration.

The delays are also holding up vital mine-clearing equipment and increasing the threat to allied servicemen and Kuwaiti civilians from hi-tech Iraqi mines which cannot be cleared by conventional means. "Ten days ago everything just went clunk," he said. "Somewhere between the top levels of the Kuwaiti government and the men on the ground there are no further decisions being taken. Some equipment has been sitting in Kuwait for ten days and nobody is doing anything about it."

Dr Bill Wattenburg, a Californian who flew into *London yesterday from* Kuwait, will also report that as many as 200 of the 500 burning Kuwaiti oil wells will have to be sealed or redrilled at a cost of $10 million (£5.6 million) each, a higher figure than estimated. This throws into question the speed of Kuwait's economic recovery. The well-heads have been under such strain with the continued excessive oil flows that they are now dangerously weakened.

A scientific adviser to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, Dr Wattenburg, has been advising the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation for months in

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Labour's rates plan upstages Tories

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Conservative leadership was last night trying to wrest back the initiative on the opening day of the local elections campaign after Labour wrongfooted its opponents by claiming that its plan to bring back the rates would slash £75 per head from the average poll tax bill.

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, ordered urgent internal studies of the arithmetic in Labour's projections. *Within hours, the two cabinet* ministers issued detailed rebuttals of the forecasts, denouncing them as bogus.

Mr Heseltine said that Labour had made a "simple but colossal mistake". At best, its formula would save chargepayers £31 apiece. But reductions of this order would result anyway from the government's scheme for replacing the poll tax. The Opposition's figures were a "*£1.5 billion* flight of fancy" and had not survived the first day's campaigning, he said.

The three main parties' schemes for replacing the community charge and arguments about each others' spending habits dominated the early exchanges of a campaign that will determine whether a general election is held in June. Neil Kinnock *has called an all-day meeting* of the shadow cabinet today to discuss general election strategy.

Both Mr Heseltine and Mr Patten attempted yesterday to make light of the government's inability to unveil the full details of its people and property tax until the cabinet has settled the contents of

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Trawler tragedy enquiry ordered

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

MARINE accident experts have launched an enquiry into the loss of six men whose fishing boat sank yesterday after a collision with a Cypriot cargo ship that failed to report *the accident for two hours.*

The transport department's marine investigations branch will want to know why the 8,714-tonne Zulfikar delayed its report of the accident, which happened in thick fog off the south coast, to Solent coastguards, who then allowed the vessel to proceed to Port Said.

It is understood that the crew of the Zulfikar alerted coastguards only after discovering the radio antenna of the Portsmouth-based inshore trawler Wilhelmina J wedged on the ship's forecastle.

A search co-ordinated by the frigate HMS Norfolk was called off last night after lifeboats, fishing boats, and a helicopter failed to find any trace of the five crewmen and a passenger, all thought to be in their twenties. The search discovered only two empty liferafts and a broken alert beacon from the 82-tonne trawler, which sank about 17 miles due south of Newhaven at about 2am.

A coastguard spokesman said that the collision, which was probably a glancing blow, was not reported until 4 am. He added: "An oil slick has been sighted and, unfortunately, it seems we are looking for bodies. Visibility was down to about half-a-mile in the fog at the time of the accident, though the sea was only slight."

The master of the *Zulfikar* is said to have mentioned in his report having seen the boat with which the ship had collided drift away. The Zulfikar will be allowed to continue her passage to Port Said, where the captain and crew will be interviewed.

Retrial sought over killings

THE Dutch public prosecutor yesterday asked for a retrial of two Irishmen and one Irishwoman for the murder last year of two Australians at Roermond, The Netherlands.

He will also appeal against the acquittal last week of Gerard Harte, aged 27, from Lurgan, Co Armagh, of the theft, either alone or with others, of a Mazda car used in the killing, which he believes to be vital to the case.

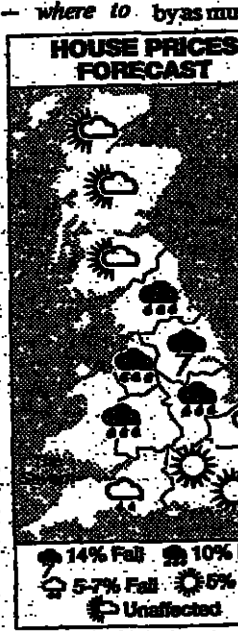
House prices in North fall as South recovers

*The predicted rise in house prices following the recession leads economists at Morgan Grenfell to dismiss the doomsday theory of long-term decline in the property market, **Neil Bennett** reports*

House prices in the Midlands and the north of England are forecast to fall by more than a tenth this year as the effects of the property recession move northwards. Values in London and the South-east are expected to begin to recover, rising by up to 5 per cent this year after the heavy falls since 1989.

The forecasts come in *House prices — where to next?* a new economic report from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. Steven Bell and James Barty, Morgan's two economists, predicted the start of the collapse in house prices in a report in 1988.

The report compares regional house prices to average incomes over the past seven years. It shows that values have fallen from five times annual salaries in London in 1988 to less than 3.7 times now, close to their previous low point in 1984.



House prices in the North, particularly in Yorkshire and Humberside, by contrast are still well above their 1984 level. The economists conclude that values will fall by up to 14 per cent *in most* areas north of the Wash and the Severn, the maximum fall they believe the British property market can suffer in a single year.

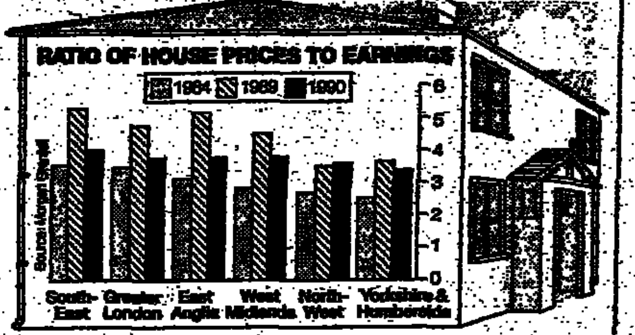
Scotland will be unaffected, the economists believe, since it was untouched by the rapid property inflation that affected Britain during the late eighties. House prices in the South-west and East Anglia will fall between 5 and 7 per cent, according to the economists' figures, although prices could begin to rise by the end of the year.

The report gives a warning that the new property tax which will replace the community charge in 1993 could affect property prices by as much as 5 per cent. The economists say the introduction of the community charge boosted house values and its abolition will have the opposite effect.

The report suggests that prices will recover gradually, and dispute theories that property values are in long-term decline because of a fall in the number of first-time buyers.

"The view that demographics will kill the housing market is simply wrong," Mr Bell said. "The number of owner-occupiers will continue to rise." He claims that the fall in the number of young homebuyers will be replaced by an increase in older house-owners. Only 58 per cent of people aged between *60 and 69* are owner-occupiers, compared to 76 per cent of those aged 30 to 44.

In the long term the report forecasts that house price inflation will moderate, as people switch their savings from their house *to* new government tax-free saving schemes, including Peps and Tessas.



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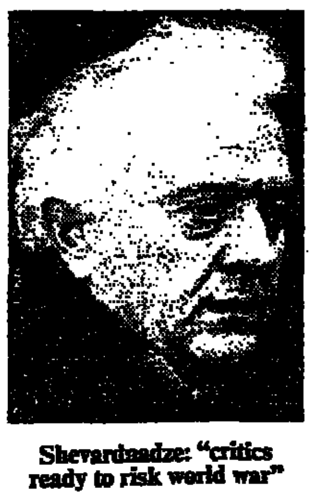

Shevardnadze: "critics ready to risk world war"

From REUTER IN MOSCOW

EDUARD Shevardnadze, the former Soviet Foreign Minister, says the Kremlin came under heavy pressure in the autumn of *1989 to* use force *to halt* anti-Communist revolutions in Eastern Europe. In an interview with the weekly *Literary Gazette* published yesterday, he indicated Soviet hardliners now bitterly criticising his policies would have risked sparking a world war to prevent the reunification of Germany.

"Was there a real alternative to the events of autumn-winter 1989-90? After all, what was happening essentially was revolution, broad popular risings against the existing regimes," *Mr Shevardnadze* said. "There was of course an alternative... We were quite actively pushed to use force, that is to resurrect the doctrine under which a crisis of power in one country of the "socialist community" must be overcome by military intervention from the others.

"In other words, we were being told to act according to the scenarios of 1953, 1956 and 1968," he said, in a reference to Soviet and Warsaw Pact military intervention in East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Mr Shevardnadze, now heading a foreign policy think-tank, did not specify who had urged similar moves in 1989 but his remarks suggested pressure came from both Soviet domestic sources and from East Europe's then-Communist leaders.

After Soviet-led Warsaw Pact forces crushed a reformist government in Prague in 1968, Leonid Brezhnev, the then-Kremlin chief, and his aides formulated a doctrine providing for collective action to maintain Moscow-style rule throughout the bloc. For two decades the Kremlin denied any such principle, termed the "Brezhnev doctrine", existed. But it was formally renounced by Mikhail Gorbachev in the late Eighties as he sought to build better relations with the West and to push Communist chiefs in Eastern Europe towards reform.

Shevardnadze resigned last December amid bitter attacks from some military and political figures over his part in bringing about agreement on merging former East and West Germany.

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Dawn raids to take children 'should be the last resort'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

DAWN raids to remove children from their homes should be conducted only as a last resort if children are in "immediate danger", Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said yesterday.

Mrs Bottomley also said that new guidelines strengthening parents' rights in suspected child abuse cases would be issued in October alongside guidance on alleged cases of ritual and satanic abuse. "Dawn raids may be okay for *The Sweeney*, but they should be an absolute last resort for young children," she told journalists in London. "The child may become confused, feel guilty and uncertain. A sudden intervention early in the morning can only be justified in the most extreme cases."

She indicated that social workers should have more influence over the police in decisions about when to take children away under place of safety orders. The health department was now working with the Home Office on police guidance concerning dawn raids, with a pilot study being carried out by the Inspectorate of Constabulary in Nottingham, she said.

Mrs Bottomley said that social workers and the police had to look for fact rather than fantasy. "They should be looking for bruises and beatings rather than ghosts and ghouls." An updated version of the health department's guidance entitled *Working Together*, published after the Cleveland enquiry, is to be issued in October when the children's act comes into force. Mrs Bottomley said that she was exploring ways of strengthening the guidance and holding local authorities more to account.

Area child protection committees would be expected to report back and the social services inspectorate would monitor progress. "We will be strengthening requirements to involve parents."

Earlier, the Royal College of Physicians claimed that in two thirds of sexually abused children there might be no physical signs of abuse. It also said that sexual abuse should rarely, "if ever", be diagnosed on physical signs alone. A working party set up shortly after the Cleveland enquiry, because of disagreement among doctors, concluded that pregnancy and the presence of semen were the only two diagnostic signs definitely associated with sexual abuse.

Possible appeal worries parents

THE nine Orkney children involved in the alleged child abuse case returned to school yesterday while their parents continued their anxious wait to hear whether there would be a legal appeal.

No decision has yet been announced by the interim reporter to the children's panel on whether to challenge the ruling of a sheriff that led to the children being returned to their families after five weeks in care. Sheriff David Kelbie decided that the panel had been fundamentally flawed in its treatment of the case, in which the children were taken away in dawn raids amid allegations of ritual abuse. Official sources have said that an announcement will be made in due course, although it has been indicated that an appeal is likely.

The waiting has caused the parents of the nine youngsters involved to be worried that their children could be taken away from them again. The mother of two of them, who yesterday returned to their primary school, said: "We have had no assurance from the social work department that they wouldn't be taken from school or from the school bus. It is very worrying."

Heroine's welcome: Surgeon Lieutenant Anna-Lisa Judd, one of the navy's first woman officers to serve in action, is greeted by her fiancé, Simon Jenkins, on her return to Devonport from the Gulf. She was a medical officer aboard HMS Herald

IRA kills father in front of his sons

By Lin Jenkins

AN IRA gunman murdered the cousin of a Unionist MP in front of his young sons after asking him to identify himself.

The victim's eldest son, aged seven, telephoned his grandmother to say: "Nanna, would you come down and mind us, for a bad man has shot my daddy dead." When the family and security forces arrived they found the boy and his six-year-old brother crying and covered in their father's blood.

Derek Ferguson, a joiner aged 30, was killed as he watched television with his sons on Tuesday night in the mobile home next to the house that he was building for his family near Coagh, Co Tyrone. His wife was out shopping and his two younger sons, aged three and one, were sleeping in the adjoining room.

The victim's cousin, the Rev William McCrea, Democratic Unionist MP for Mid Ulster, said that the gunman walked into the mobile home and shot Mr Ferguson after asking: "Are you Derek?" Mr McCrea criticised the government for failing to pursue the IRA, saying: "The IRA will not be talked away, neither will they be condemned away. They must be put away."

The RUC said yesterday that they believed that an English-registered van was used in connection with the murder. The van, which had been hijacked, was abandoned four miles from the mobile home.

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Stuart Hall, the presenter, yesterday stealing a packet of and a jar of coffee supermarket.

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Mr David Hale, prosecution, told the that when police inter Mr Hall about the two dane items", the p said: "Yes, I knew I wa them."

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Liverpool fa all-out strik

Trade unions repre 29,000 Liverpool city workers threatened to all-out strike today af council gate keepers w compulsory redundan tices. A mass walk out disrupt schools, librar people's homes, day and the cremation (Ronald Faux writes).

The city council, wh voted to shed 1,000 j save money, said that it not withdraw the noti less savings of £60,00 made in the highways department where th work.

Debt deaths

A husband who kept hidden from his wife cated her with a pill Valentine's Day and himself, an inquest w yesterday. A verdict of ful killing was record Beryl Coome, aged 55, suicide verdict record husband Michael, aged Torquay, who was payi a week from his £127 wa stores supervisor for a £ county court judgement.

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Teacher guil

A former headmaster owner of Castle Hill school in Ludlow, Shr was found guilty yeste five charges of sexual ing boys in his care. Las after a 12-week trial, at Shrewsbury crown was still considering dicts on ten other against Ralph Morris,

ENO loses top team as cuts hit productions

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

ENGLISH National Opera, the most innovative influence on opera in Britain, is to lose its entire directing team at the end of the 1992-3 season. The announcement by the Earl of Harewood, chairman of the ENO, came as a record £800,000 loss on last season was disclosed.

Peter Jonas, general director, is to run the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich, but Mark Elder, the musical director whose name has been linked with the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester, has no job to go to, nor has the director of productions, David Pountney. All three, who have been together since 1985, made it clear that their departure was not connected with last season's financial losses, which bring the ENO's accumulated deficit to £1.3 million.

Lord Harewood, a former artistic director of the company, said: "This has been a marvellous triumvirate which has achieved great things. The board feels we have had exemplary leadership on all three fronts. This is a positive break. What they have each achieved can create a realistic platform for their successors."

The ENO's reputation for risk-taking was perpetuated last season when it devised a programme of 20th-century works alongside three Mozart operas. Mr Jonas called it "a risky venture which has brought richness to our repertoire and set a benchmark of adventure for the future". Critically praised as it was, it did not bring the audiences which it was hoped would cut the then deficit of £500,000 to £145,000. Some operas attracted only 50 per cent audiences. The average for 1990-1 has been 72 per cent compared with 76 per cent in 1989-90 and 80 per cent in the previous year. This coincided with the recession, hot weather last autumn and the Gulf war, which hit all West End box offices, Mr Jonas said.

The ENO's cumulative deficit is now £1.3 million. For the new financial year the Arts Council's grant has been increased by 14 per cent to £10.5 million. This includes £600,000 from the enhancement fund with which goes a requirement for matching funding and reducing the accumulated deficit by a third. The £800,000 loss, therefore, has to be turned into a £400,000 profit by the end of this financial year.

To help achieve this, the 1991-92 season will not include the planned production of Alban Berg's *Lulu*, saving an estimated £500,000. Seat prices are also to be increased by 12 per cent making a new top price of £43. The season will include a new *Marriage of Figaro*, a new *Die Fledermaus* and revivals of *Don Giovanni, La Bohème, The Barber of Seville, Madame Butterfly, Falstaff* and *The Mikado*. There will be 19 productons compared with last season's 22, and five new productions compared with nine in 1990-1.

Anthony Everitt, secretary general of the Arts Council, said that the council's belief in the ENO was not diminished. "This company has been rightly praised both nationally and internationally for its outsanding creativity, he said.

Jonas, Pountney and Elder: leaving at the end of the company's next season

Yew may yield cancer dru

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

THE yew that grows in English churchyards could soon be a source of a drug that has produced spectacular results in the treatment of ovarian cancer.

Yesterday, Pierre Potier, a French research worker, told the 150th anniversary congress of the Royal Society of Chemistry in London of a new process for extracting the drug from the leaves of the European yew. Until now, very small amounts of the drug, called taxol, have been extracted from the bark of the Pacific yew in the United States for clinical trials now in progress.

Produced in that way, taxol is prohibitively expensive and the bark cannot be harvested without destroying the trees, which have taken 200 years to grow. Between six and eight trees must perish to provide enough taxol to treat a single patient, according to the US National Cancer Institute.

However, Professor Potier said his laboratory had now found a way of producing taxol, and a closely related substance called Taxotere — which appears to be even more effective than t from the leaves of the pean yew. Several h tons of the leaves wou to be harvested each provide supplies of Ta he said, but that shoul problem as yews evergreen.

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University quality in danger, say vice-chancellors

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE quality of British universities has *fallen in the past* ten years and will plummet during this decade unless the government increases funding, the vice-chancellors said yesterday.

An assessment of the universities claimed that quality had been maintained only by *making short-term* savings on books, equipment and maintenance, and by underpaying staff. Many lecturers now had second jobs to supplement their income.

As the report was being launched, the Association of University Teachers (AUT) was *taking the first* moves towards industrial action after two inconclusive sessions of pay negotiations. The union's executive voted unanimously for a ballot to authorise a refusal to mark examinations.

The AUT has claimed a 16 per cent increase, but the vice-*chancellors insist that they can* afford only between 4 and 6 per cent. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, in response to the vice-chancellors' request for extra funds to enable them to make a better offer, said that universities had the resources available for a *reasonable pay settlement.* He did not rule out a supplementary grant, however, adding only that the government would not normally entertain such an application.

Sir Edward Parkes, the retiring chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said yesterday that the report was intended partly to put higher education on the political agenda before a general election. He accused the government of wanting to drive down standards, but added that other parties did not appear to take universities' needs seriously either.

"We are becoming deeply worried by the quality of British university education," Sir Edward said. "The problem is that nobody goes around decrying their own wares, yet the fact remains that we do *believe that there is a genuine* risk that the quality of university education is going to plummet in the 1990s."

Improved management, deferred purchasing and maintenance, and low pay had *ensured that the overall drop* in quality in the 1980s had been marginal, Sir Edward said, and some universities had even improved. However, he added: "The chickens are coming home to roost."

Attracting top staff was already difficult in some subjects, and worsening staffing ratios would hasten a loss of British universities' international standing.

The vice-chancellors' report said that without new investment in the universities, a choice would have to be made between quality and expansion. "Britain, once pre-eminent, after America, for pure research, has now fallen behind Japan," it said.

Ballot move rules out test boycotts

By OUR HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

WIDESPREAD boycotts of the new national curriculum tests for seven-year-old pupils were effectively ruled out yesterday when the executive of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) made its support for industrial action conditional on heavy backing in two separate ballots.

Two-thirds of the NUT members responsible for administering the tests will have to vote for a boycott before the union will give practical support. Even then, the executive will sanction action only if there is an unspecified majority *in an indicative ballot of* the whole union.

Head teachers and their deputies will be balloted separately on their willingness to organise and publicise the results. Voting will take place *next week, and the results are* expected in a fortnight. Supporters of the boycott are unlikely to win the overwhelming support needed to force the hand of a reluctant union leadership. Even if they do, *NUT* members will not be instructed to join the boycott.

Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary, told a press conference yesterday that he would repudiate any action taken by members in advance *of the ballot results. He said* that executive members had detected no great support for rushing into a boycott.

Mr McAvoy denied it would be seen as a "sell-out" in the light of a decision at the union's *annual conference to* support all members who boycotted the tests. "This is a test of all our members, which puts the power where it ought to be," he said. The decision to hold a separate ballot of *members involved in the* administration of the tests was taken on legal advice.

Stripper 'in assault at party'

By BILL FROST

A POLICEMAN'S girl friend would not let him report a male "strippergram" for trying to put a sex aid under her skirt, a jury was told yesterday.

PC Peter Carruthers told Kingston crown court that he arrived at a birthday party for his girl friend, Jenny Cairns, to find her in tears and alleging that the male stripper "had done things to her". He had advised her to report the lleged incident, but Miss airns had said that she would t "at that point in time". PC rruthers said: "I did want to port it, and insisted. But nny would not let me."

Miss Cairns told the court at, at the party, Michael rosby, dressed as a police-an, had forced her against a ll and said: "You must co-rate, madam."

rosby, aged 32, of Totten- *north London* , *denies* ently assaulting 11 hen while working as a once strippergram. The ontinues today.

Package to divert young from crime

By *QUENTIN* COWDRY, *HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT*

PROPOSALS for diverting youngsters from crime are being devised by Home Office ministers, who believe that the government's approach to crime prevention is too narrow.

The shift in thinking was signalled yesterday by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, and John Patten, a *Home* Office minister, who said that more attention had to be paid to underlying causes of criminality. They are considering ways of promoting greater parental responsibility, better school attendance and more constructive use of youngsters' leisure time. The results are likely to feature prominently in the Tory election manifesto.

Mr Baker declined to comment in detail on the measures, but confirmed that a review was under way. "One of the things we must do in the longer term is look at the roots of criminality," he said. "We have to go back, for example, to the problems of schoolchildren and look at the possible link between 'bunking off' from class and petty offending."

Mr Baker, speaking at the launch of Britain's first Crime Prevention Week, insisted that existing government anti-crime strategies had worked in certain localities, although he was disappointed by the 17 per cent rise in crime recorded *in England and Wales in 1990.* More than 5,000 activities and schemes will be launched next week, aimed at making people more aware of the risks of offences. The £10 million campaign, is funded by the *government, industry and the* voluntary sector.

● The Home Office will on Monday publish a league table of the cars easiest to steal in a move that may prove embarrassing to some of Britain's *biggest motor manufac*turers and potentially cost millions of pounds in sales (Kevin Eason writes). Car crime costs an estimated £1 billion in insurance losses, damage and police time, with more than a quarter of police investigations devoted to tracking down car thieves.

aser-age recreates Viking

By PETER DAVENPORT

*HE face of a Viking fisher*an who walked the streets of ancient York almost a thousand years ago has been recreated in a pioneering collaboration between archaeology and the latest computer and laser techniques.

Although similar procedures have been used to help to trace the identity of *urder victims, it is the first* ime they have been adapted to recreate the face of a man rom so far in the past. Yesterday, as Eymund the fisherman *went on display in* York, Dominic Tweddle, assistant director of the York Archaeological Trust, which led the £7,000 project, said: "These techniques have delivered the ability to get the most realistic recreation yet achieved of a face from the past."

The face is based on a well preserved, Viking-age skull *discovered during* archaeological excavations in Fishergate, York, in 1986. The skull was that of a man aged between 28 and 30, 5ft 6in tall. After dental and cranial work, the skull was taken to University College hospital, London, to be scanned by *laser equipment* normally used for forecasting *the results* of delicate facial surgery.

Top, Eymund recreated *from the Viking skull*

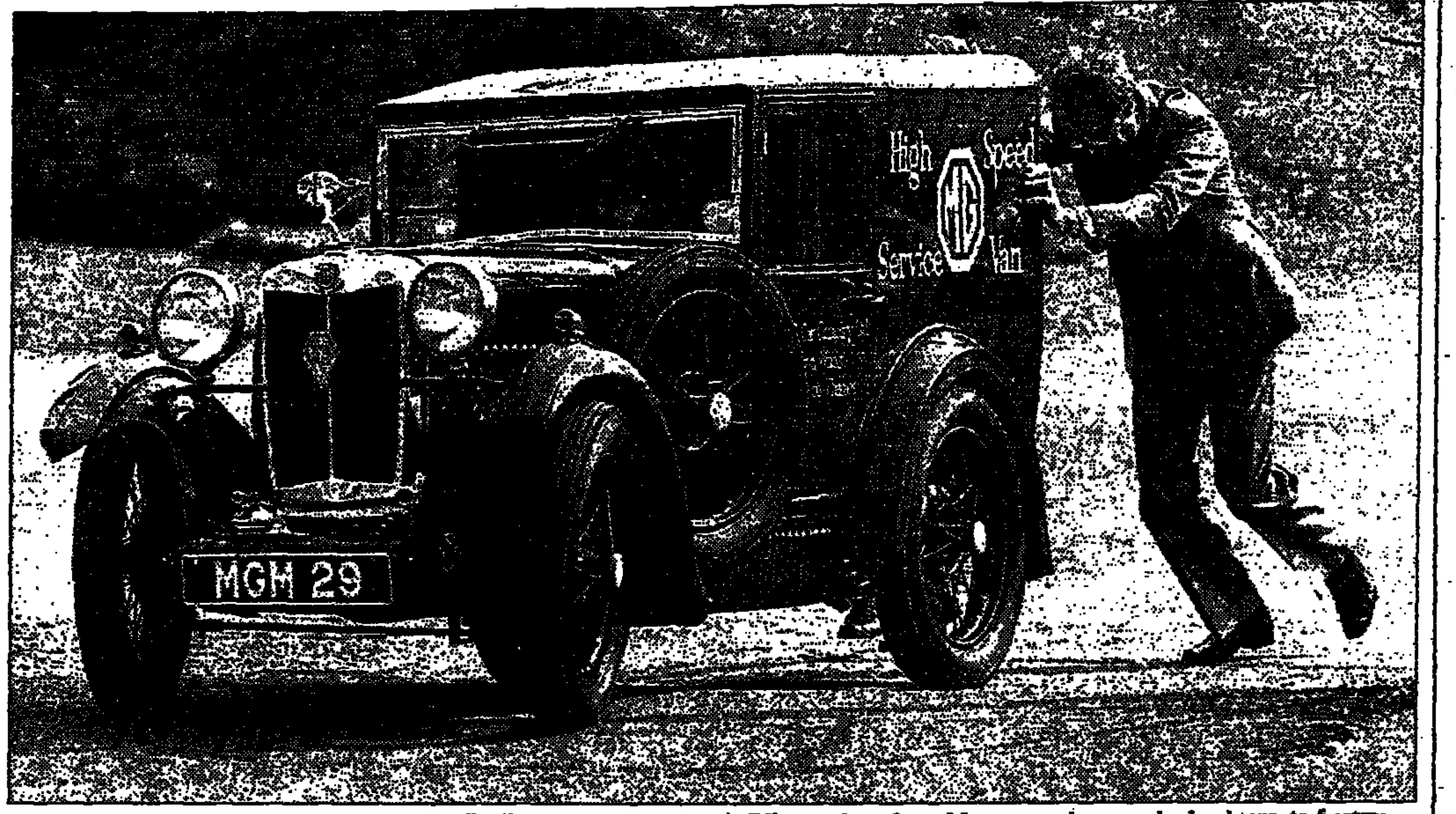
Reflected light images from the skull's contours *were recorded by* a video camera connected to a computer *containing* information about the skull's muscle group thickness.

The process was then repeated, with Robin Richards, of the hospital's department of medical physics, using his own head to create a facial template, which a computer superimposed over the skull. The resulting graphics gave the looks of the ancient person.

A computer-controlled milling machine then cut out a half-scale, three-dimensional model head from a block of hard foam which, together with the computer graphics, went to the York-based sculptor Lynne O'Dowd for the final stage of producing the face of Eymund. The figure will go on show in the Jorvik Viking Centre at York.

The 22 original figures in the Viking scene at the museum were based on members of the team who *built the* centre, because the techniques used to develop the face of Eymund were not then available. The trust now intends gradually to repeat the process with other Viking-age skulls so that *eventually all the figures will* have the faces of people from York's Viking past.

Dr Peter Addyman, director of the trust, said yesterday: "The figure is unnervingly real. It is quite staggering to meet an almost 1,000-year-old face like this; *probably* the first *time* anyone has met the gaze of someone from the Viking age. This has been a real breakthrough."



Racing past: a museum on the site of the Brooklands racing circuit was honoured by the Association for Industrial Archaeology yesterday, 52 years after the chequered flag last came down there (Bill Frost writes). The Brooklands Museum, home to vintage vehicles from Frazer Nash sports cars to an MG service van (above), won the president's award for the *site that best* represents the significance of its buildings and artefacts. Motor racing at the Surrey circuit stopped in August 1939 when it was judged to be a conspicuous landmark for enemy *bombers heading for London.* The circuit was already doomed, however, having begun to fracture years earlier. Mike Goodall, the museum's fund-raising manager, said that enthusiasts still weeded *the cracked concrete but the cost of* restoring the track was too high.

Cash showdown today on London zoo's fate

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

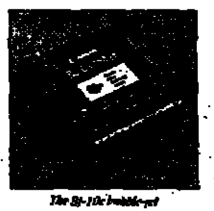
TWENTY-FOUR hours after being told it would receive no more public money, London Zoo will today ask the government for a handout of £30 million over the next three years in a showdown which raises the spectre of animals being killed in the run-up to an election.

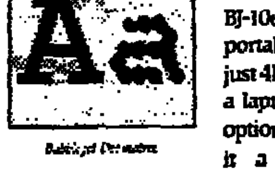
The money would pay for the zoo's transformation from a national institution into a scientific and environmental centre bereft of many of its *biggest attractions.*

Zoologists said yesterday they believed increasingly that the government might bail out the zoo because it could not bear the political consequences of forcing the destruction of homeless animals. The Labour party has already promised to support the zoo as a national treasure. Today the zoo's management meets *department officials* who have been told by David Trippier, environment minister, to refuse further support.

The meeting at the department will be led by David Jones, the zoo's director, who said yesterday that he would ask the government to underwrite the transfer of the bigger and more exotic animals among the 8,000 species elsewhere *and the transformation* of the zoo. "We are going to ask for more time to be able to dispose of the animals," he said. In three years' time there would be fewer animals but "a good selection of species appropriate to this site". What was left would be presented "in an exciting way". The zoo would be a conservation education centre.

The zoo still has about half the £10 million "final" government pay-off from three years ago, but Mr Jones will tell environment department officials that money is needed now before the zoo faces insolvency.





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LABOUR POLICY

Gould's £140 cut in local tax bills stuns opponents

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday stunned its political opponents by releasing figures suggesting that its fair rates scheme would cut average household local tax bills by £140 a year.

The Conservatives have been taunting Labour for failing to quantify their alternative to the poll tax, accusing its leaders of being unable or unwilling to spell out the costs of their plans. The surprise move by Bryan Gould, the Opposition's chief environment spokesman, clearly took some of the wind out of Tory sails, with Chris Patten, the party chairman, admitting on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme that he was "gobsmacked" by the claim.

Mr Gould, revelling in his success at apparently turning the tables on the Tories, who *have yet to quantify their poll* tax replacement, said that the fact that Labour had been able to publish its figures removed the last Tory poll tax figleaf. "Our detailed presentation is in marked contrast to their continuing inability to tell us what they would do to replace the poll tax."

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, also mocked Tory indecision over local finance. "Our approach is comprehensive, coherent and realistic. It is in sharp contrast to that of the Conservative party, now wandering around in a divided daze."

Mr Patten, however, dismissed Labour's calculations as "preposterous" and instructed his researchers to set about an immediate demolition job. He said: "I was gobsmacked .... it is a third card trick in spades. I think the only thing Bryan didn't also say was that everybody would get a seven-day free holiday in Spain."

At *Labour's* press conference to launch its district election campaign under the themes of opportunity, quality and accountability, Mr Gould set out the basis of his calculations. He said that Labour's proposals for a modern property tax linked to ability to pay would save local chargepayers £2.8 billion. Some £1.4 billion would be released by resolving the problems of collecting the poll tax, £400 million from lower administrative costs and £1 billion from scrapping a transitional relief scheme that would no longer be needed.

Working on the basis of this year's poll tax bills and including the £140 a head reduction announced in the Budget, Labour's proposals would produce an immediate saving averaging £140 per household and £75 per person, he said.

Mr Gould admitted that Labour's property tax, allied with a more generous system of rebates, would mean people on *high incomes living in* properties of a high rateable value would have to pay "a little more". However, such people would recognise that the system was fairer.

MARC ASPLAND

Opening salvo: Neil Kinnock launches Labour's local election campaign yesterday

LIBERAL POLICY

Ashdown to give local levy figures

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDEN

PADDY Ashdown yesterday rejected Conservative claims that Liberal Democrat plans for financing local government would increase income tax by between 7p and 8p in the pound.

He said that he would publish figures on Tuesday next week disclosing how an average tax increase of 4p in the pound from the party's local income tax proposals would break down throughout the country.

At the launch in London of the Liberal Democrats' local election campaign, Mr Ashdown said that the big jump in income tax predicted by Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, was nearly twice as high as the figures admitted in the Commons by David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury.

With the poll tax replacement dominating the campaign, the Liberal Democrat leader also accused John Major of evasion, indecision and delay over local government finance.

"The Conservatives are in an appalling poll tax mess," Mr Ashdown said. "Day by day, the mess gets worse as decisions are postponed and the bickering within the cabinet gets louder. Conservative candidates in these elections have been left high and dry with no policy and no alternative. If there were an opinion poll of Conservatives on their alternative to the poll tax, it would be the first in history to record 100 per cent don't knows."

Labour, Mr Ashdown said, did little better by proposing a short-term return to the old rates, with their many problems and injustices. Liberal Democrat officials argued that unless Labour recorded net gains of between 600 and 700 seats it would prove incapable of winning a majority at the next general election.

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BATTLEGROUND

Big test of opinion on May 2

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE local council elections on Thursday May 2 will be the biggest test of local opinion for four years, with 12,255 seats being contested in every part of England and Wales except London.

At stake will be control of 36 metropolitan and 296 non-metropolitan districts in England, 37 shire districts in Wales, 10,203 English parish councils and 808 Welsh community councils. Among the big cities contested will be Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Liverpool, with the opposition parties hoping to exploit the government's exposed position on the poll tax.

Local elections in Britain follow a four-yearly cycle, and this poll involves the largest number of seats of the cycle. On May 2, all seats on 183 English shire districts will be up for election, as will one-third of the seats on the remaining 113. In Wales, one-third of the seats on four councils and all seats on the remaining 33 will be at stake.

In the 36 metropolitan districts, one-third of the seats on each council will be contested, a total of 827 seats. There will be no local elections in Scotland, London or for seats on county councils in England and Wales.

All the political parties have as much to lose as they have to gain from the May elections, and a *strong showing* by the Conservatives would put great pressure on John Major to call a summer election. The Tories are defending 4,790 seats in the English shire districts; Labour 2,168; the Liberal Democrats 1,465; and independents 1,406.

In Wales, Labour dominates the district council chambers, with 543 seats to the Tories' 142, the Liberal Democrats' 81 and Plaid Cymru's 63. Labour also dominates the metropolitan areas, and the party is confident that it will maintain its control on the major cities, where the poll tax has been deeply unpopular and consequently hard to collect.

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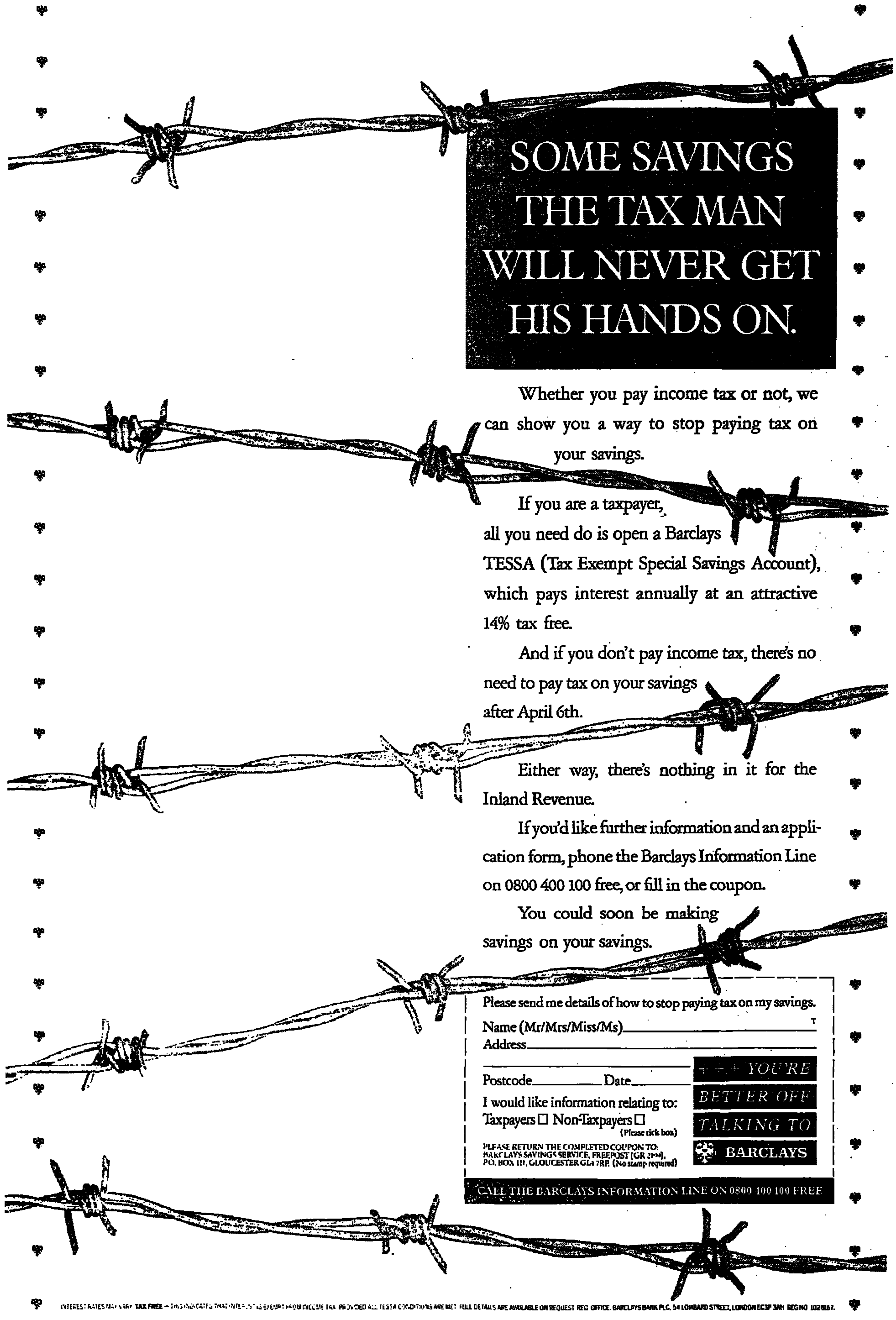

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CONSERVATIVE POLICIES

Rival records on spending adopted as central theme

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY leaders tried yesterday to brush aside their difficulties over replacing the community charge by warning voters that there was a £200,000 price tag on the head of every Labour councillor elected in the local government polls on May 2.

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, made the spending records of Labour and Tory councils the central plank of their campaign launch. Questioned persistently on the details of the government's new local tax, however, Mr Heseltine left it unclear as to when his new consultation papers on local government finance and structure would be published.

He also suggested that the government would state its preference on a number of issues yet to be decided about the new tax before it goes out to consultation. Hitherto, the impression had been that it would state only a preference over the balance of the new tax to be taken by the property and poll tax elements.

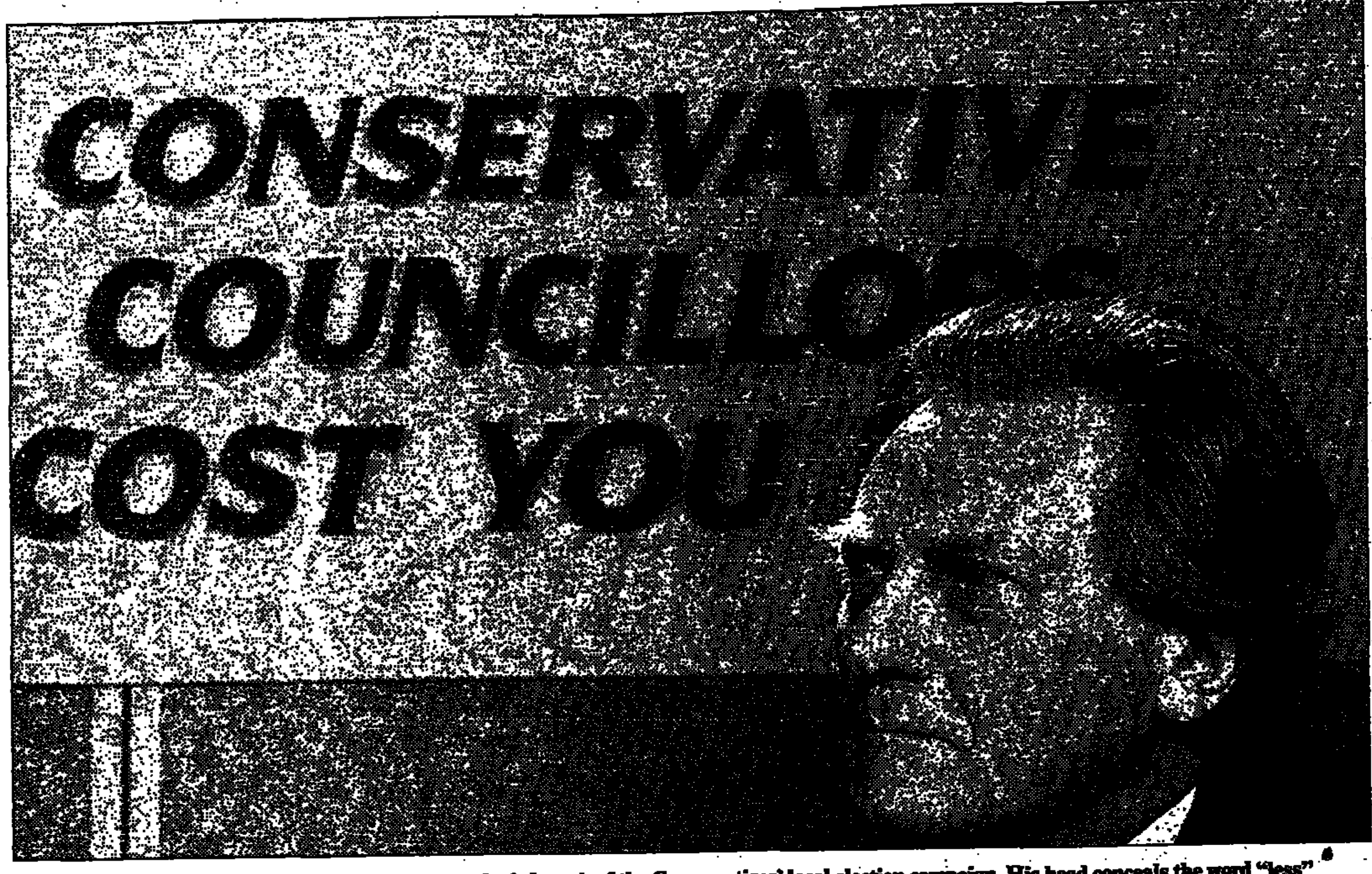
The Tory slogan for the three-week campaign is: "It's your money. It's your vote. Careful how you spend it." Dr John Cunningham, Labour's campaigns co-ordinator, called the Conservative claims a "big lie", and cited Labour councils which had levied the lowest poll taxes in their areas.

However, Mr Patten said that 46 of the top 50 councils with the highest poll tax this year were Labour-controlled, excluding those authorities where no party had a majority, and added that 19 of the top 20 poll tax bills had been set by Labour. On average, he said, each Labour councillor in authorities involved in this year's local government elections spent in excess of £1.7 million more than each Conservative. The average amount spent by a Labour councillor, according to Tory figures, is £2,055,963, against £334,053 for every Conservative councillor. The same calculation for every council in England and Wales showed Labour councillors spending in excess of £710,000 more than Tories.

Mr Patten said that, on average, Tories undercut the government's assessments of what they should be spending by £54,882. Each Labour councillor exceeded the assessment by an average of £146,578. "The difference is £201,460. That's the price of electing a Labour councillor in place of a Conservative: £201,460 a time." He hoped voters would make their choice on the size of their poll tax bills and the spending record of Labour councillors.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said every Labour candidate should come with a local government health warning: "Voting for me can severely damage your wealth". He denied that the Tories offered a better bargain through penny-pinching.

Mr Heseltine first said that he would publish the government's consultation documents on the poll tax replacement in the "week after next", but later added that it was not an appropriate time for him to anticipate the date upon which the cabinet would authorise him to make a statement. Asked whether the lack of details on the new tax would put the Tories at a disadvantage, Mr Heseltine said the documents would be published during the campaign and would go significantly beyond the details given. "It will be a popular announcement because the proposals in it will be seen to be fair."



MARC ASPLAND

Serious business: Michael Heseltine at yesterday's launch of the Conservatives' local election campaign. His head conceals the word "less"

COUNCIL PROFILE/SOLIHULL

Poll tax threatens end to true-blue bastion

By CRAIG SETON

ONLY a few years ago the prospect of the Tories losing their overall majority on Solihull council would have seemed as unlikely as a successful putsch against Margaret Thatcher, but Conservatives in the West Midlands borough are bracing themselves for just such a possibility.

The Conservative group goes into the local elections with overall control only on the mayor's casting vote. It has 25 seats, the same as the total for Labour (15), Liberal Democrats (5) and Independent Ratepayers (5).

The last decade has seen a gradual decline in Tory representation on the council, which was regarded as a Conservative stronghold, renowned for prudent financial management, traditional standards of education and other Thatcherite principles. The Tories have controlled the borough since local government reorganisation in 1974, when the affluent, leafy town of Solihull became part of a new authority that also encompasses large Birmingham overspill council estates to the north, rural communities and an area of suburban semis to the west.

The advance in recent years of the Liberal Democrats, gains from the Tories by the Independent Ratepayers and concern over poll tax has left the Conservative grip precarious. Last year the Tory majority was cut to one when the party lost a by-election.

Since then John Taylor has resigned as a councillor to become Tory parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham and his seat has remained unfilled. At the last two council meetings the party had no overall majority. Of the 17 seats being contested in May, ten are Conservative, four vulnerable marginals. All three opposition parties could make at least one gain. If the Tories lose seats, they still hope to keep control as the largest party, but their worst fear is that Labour and the Liberal Democrats will make enough gains to form a controlling coalition.

Threlkeld: "Tories have had it all their own way"

The poll tax issue will dog Solihull Conservatives throughout the campaign. Last year the council set a figure of £389, including £52 towards the safety net. It was regarded as high for a borough that prided itself on sound finances and Tories complained bitterly about unrealistic revenue support from the government. High mortgage rates have also hit support.

This year the poll tax has been set at £392 with the Tories hoping that the government's £140 a head contribution will at least partially defuse the issue. Fraser Mitchell, the Tory leader, said: "The poll tax really crucified us in some areas. The honeymoon period for John Major is over and people are looking critically at whether the changes are going to work." He said the result of the election was too close to call. "It is in the lap of the gods."

David Threlkeld, the Labour leader, said: "There is an image that Solihull equals wealth and true-blue Conservatism. I hope this time they will lose overall control. It seems unthinkable, but it would be good for them to lose the experience of having it all their own way."

The Liberal Democrats and Independent Ratepayers formed a concordat last year to gain representation on committees. Richard Balmer, for the Liberal Democrats, said the poll tax issue had brought them together.

GREEN PARTY

Buoyant gathering despite the polls

By ROBERT MORGAN
PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

GREEN party delegates assembling today for a four-day policy-making conference in Bridlington, Humberside, are in a buoyant mood, in spite of a low opinion-poll rating and the colourful departure of their best-known spokesman, David Icke.

Although they have only 15,000 members, they point out that they are the only party without a bank overdraft. Many recognise that money and professional organisation are the keys to electoral success and, although they would prefer the general election to come later rather than sooner, they are well prepared, with 250 candidates ready. They intend to field 350 and are confident of keeping almost all their deposits.

This weekend, the party must decide whether to retain its aloofness and spurn political conventions, such as having a leader, or to join the mainstream and fight for reform from within. Nothing exemplifies that position more than tomorrow's big debate on the European Community. Hitherto, party policy has been for British withdrawal. Now a growing number of members accept that Britain is in the EC to stay and that the next step is to seek to use that membership to the best advantage.

Some workers at the Balham headquarters in southwest London argue that the time has come for professional leadership, if not yet a designated leader. If such a leader should emerge, it is likely to be Sara Parkin or Jean Lambert. Both gained national recognition during the European Parliament elections in June 1989.

Although the general election is dominating the thoughts of political activists and pundits alike, the Greens do not regard this weekend's gathering as a launching pad for their campaign. However, they will be using it to publicise campaigns aimed at the local elections on May 2.

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FUTURE OF WATER SUPPLIES

Meters dismissed as costly, unfair and save nothing

Michael McCarthy reports on the debate over how best to manage a dwindling national resource

THE debate on water metering intensified yesterday when the idea was rejected by the professional body representing 11,000 engineers and consultants working on the environmental management side of the water industry.

Metering was too expensive in its installation, would not provide water savings, and was potentially unfair, the Institution of Water and Environmental Management said. The institution's view is in complete contrast to the National Rivers Authority and the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), which said that it was a way of preserving supplies and preventing supply developments from harming the environment.

Installing meters throughout England and Wales would cost £4 billion, which at £200 per household would represent two years' water bills, the institution said. Reductions in water usage were likely to be illusory, or at best small, and more than offset by meter reading costs. It also emphasised that 80 per cent of water bills related to fixed costs of water supply and sewage disposal, and that only a small proportion was directly related to the volume of water used by customers.

The fairest way of paying for water would be by a banded charge relating to the size of a property. Howard Evans, the institution's executive director, said: "Ultimately what we need is more water supply, especially in the South-East of England. Otherwise we're just discouraging people from using water and we will be going back to the situation of the 1950s, where people took one bath a week."

According to the CPRE, metering must be introduced because many water companies in England and Wales will be unable to develop the new sources of supply needed to cater for future demand. National Rivers Authority figures show that with their present water resources, 26 out of the 37 water companies will be unable to satisfy peak customer demand in 2011. William Sheate, the CPRE's water campaigner, said: "Yet the chances of them all being able to build sufficient new reservoirs and tap new groundwater supplies are remote."

Mr Sheate said that, especially in the South and East, groundwater supplies were running out, as shown by low flows in rivers. Proposals for new reservoirs would be met with environmental objections and a lack of suitable land. "Attempts to develop resources further are likely to lead to environmental disaster for our rivers and wetlands. Groundwater sources in some areas are so over-exploited that river wildlife has already disappeared, and this can only get worse."

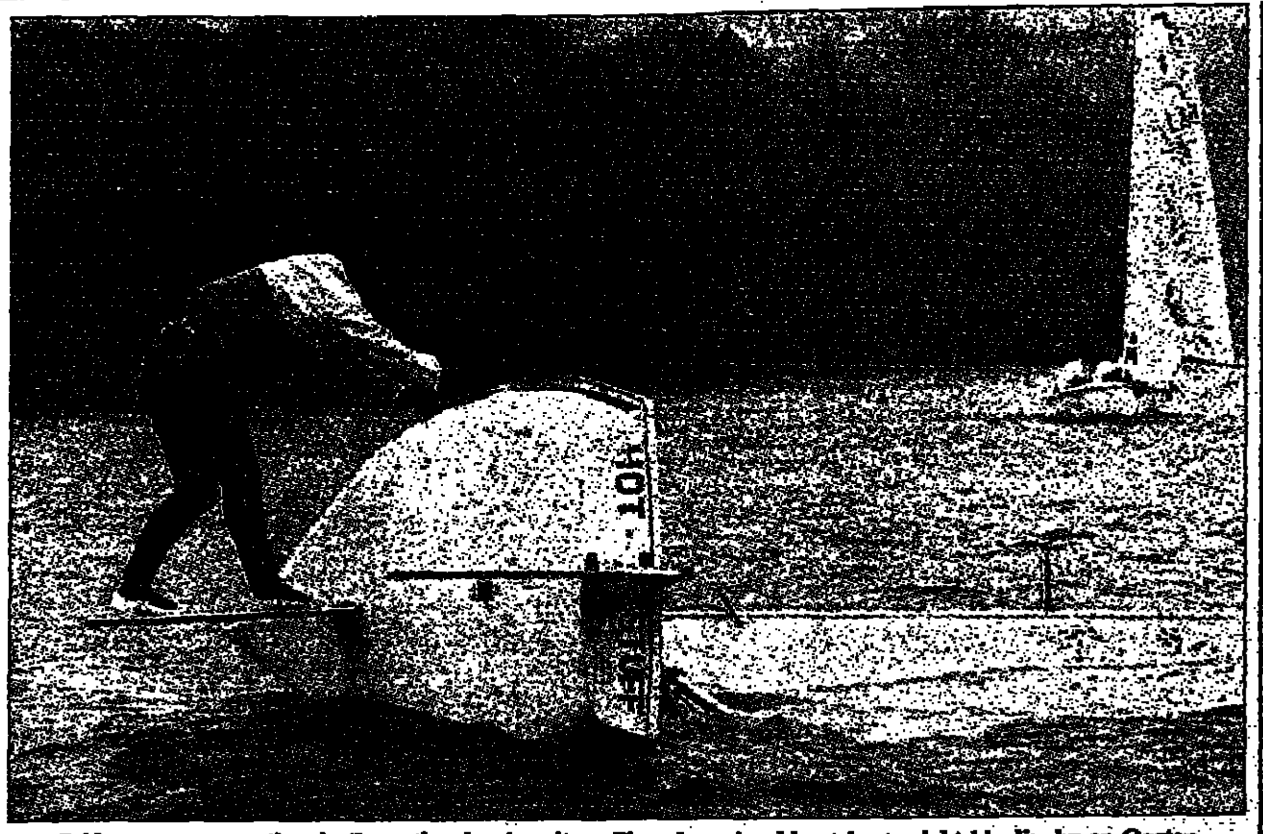
The CPRE believes that only demand management, in the shape of selective water metering, will cope with the problem. It says that introduction of metering usually shows a drop in consumption of 10 to 15 per cent. The rivers authority last week spoke out in favour of metering "in areas where water resources are under stress and where the development of additional sources of supply would harm the environment".

The Institution of Water and Environmental Management is not alone, however, in disagreeing. Its rejection of metering followed a similar dismissal of the idea at the weekend by the Child Poverty Action Group.

The debate will intensify as the Office of Water Services (OFWAT), on the basis of the views expressed, works out its policy for future water charging – a move that is needed because present bills are based on the old rating system. In a consultation paper published last November, OFWAT suggested three main ways of charging: a flat rate charge, a banding system based on the size of the property, or metering.

The need to take action cannot be shirked, however. The rivers authority's recently published first survey of water supply and demand in England and Wales over the next 20 years gives statistical backing to the CPRE's concern. Total projected supply for the year 2011 exceeds, although only narrowly, the total projected demand.

The regional pictures, with the projections for individual companies, appear much more worrying. Most of the companies in the South and East will be unable to satisfy the peak demand of a hot day with their present resources, and some will be unable to satisfy average demand.



Cold water: a competitor in the national university sailing championships tries to right his dinghy on Ogston reservoir, Derbyshire, yesterday. About 200 entrants are competing on the reservoir, near Clay Cross

Island trials show consumption fall

WATER metering does lead to a fall in consumption, at least in the short term, according to the results so far of the most extensive metering trials undertaken, in the Isle of Wight.

A survey by the consumer magazine *Which?* in February also showed that most people in the trials preferred to be charged by meter rather than pay a flat fee or be subject to banded charging. Nearly 50,000 water meters have been installed on the island and household consumption has dropped by 10 per cent. Although installing the meters has been expensive, on average £165 for internal fitting, about 65 per cent of households have been paying the same, or less, for their water than they would have paid under the old system based on rateable values. One consumer in five has been paying over 20 per cent more.

In spite of initial suspicions, 66 per cent of people questioned by *Which?* favoured metering. Only 14 per cent said they would prefer a flat-rate charge and 12 per cent wanted a charge based on the size of the property.

Victims' relatives in court plea

Relatives of victims of the Hillsborough football stadium tragedy asked the Court of Appeal yesterday for approval to seek damages.

Last year, Mr Justice Hidden held that ten people who saw the 1989 disaster, in which 95 people died, unfold on television or were in the Sheffield stadium were entitled to damages for nervous shock and psychological stress. Another six, whose claims were rejected as "too remote", are appealing, and Peter Wright, the South Yorkshire chief constable, is appealing against nine cases in which the police were ordered to pay damages.

Benet Hytner, QC, for the claimants, said that the police admitted a duty of care to those who died. The issue was whether they owed one also to the relatives, and, if so, whether it had been breached. The appeals continue.

Circus will

Jimmy Chipperfield, a member of the circus family and a pioneer of safari parks at Longleat, left £68,285 net in his will, published yesterday.

Injury award

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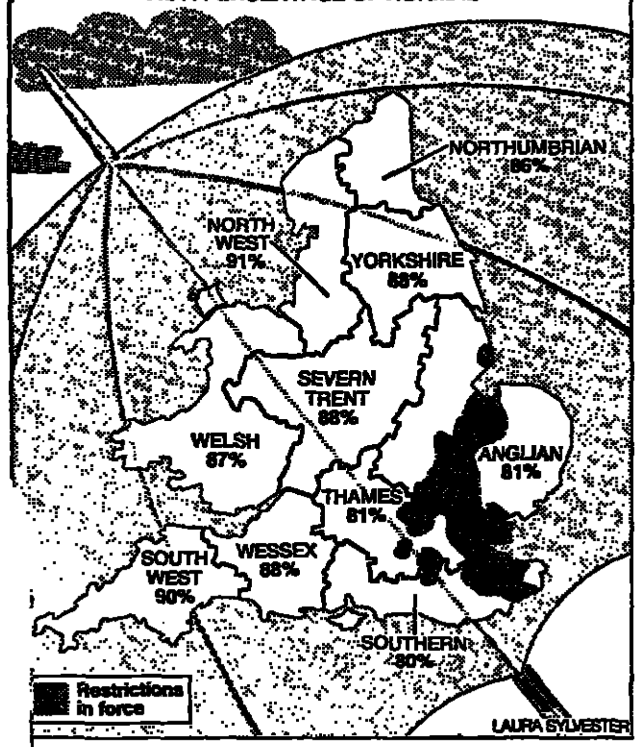

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Dry winters drain chalk aquifers

NDERGROUND water pplies have dropped to a ord low level in parts of ithern and eastern England, reatening a summer of vere restrictions.

More than six million ople are still subject to sepipe and sprinkler bans a curving area from the ash to the south coast. ithout heavy rainfall, the strictions are likely to conue and to be extended in the mmer months. Farmers, escially in East Anglia, are kely to have irrigation sprayg curtailed.

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Peter Herbertson, water resources manager for the NRA's southern region, said that the North Downs chalk aquifer between Rochester and Canterbury has been under considerable pressure. "In half a dozen boreholes the water levels are at all-time record lows."

Hosepipe bans are in force in areas served by the Mid-Kent and Folkestone water companies, and in the Thanet and Medway areas serviced by Southern Water Services. The situation is similar in Cambridgeshire, where the Cambridge water company enforced a hosepipe ban at the end of March, and in the chalk aquifer running from King's Lynn to Hertfordshire, according to Cameron Thomas, an NRA Anglian region engineer. He said: "Universally, we are at record low levels for the time of year and, patchily, at lowest levels ever, so we are going into a summer in a worse state than we would normally be leaving it."

Hosepipe bans have been introduced by the Essex Water Company and in some areas served by Anglian Water Services. In the Thames NRA region, hosepipe bans are being enforced by the Rickmansworth, Colne Valley and Lee Valley water companies, and there are sprinkler-only bans in areas served by the Sutton and East Surrey companies.

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has said that he the momentum military success sonally for peace el and its neigh- new stability for even as he articu- ımbitions, others eater danger of diplomatic defeat. The White House has begun to hum with hopes that a better home can be found for the nation's postwar enthusiasm; in the domestic agenda that the president has so often been accused of lacking.

The voters will not entirely escape a "flak-jacket election" next year. The germinant campaign team, dominated by John Sununu, the White House chief of staff, does not wish to lose the biggest foreign policy achievement of its candidate. The aim is rather to "freeze" the victory over Iraq at the point when the image was most simple. The team wants to package the president in yellow ribbon and photograph him at a thousand triumphant parades.

When Mr Bush suggests a Middle East tour to make further progress, Mr Sununu suggests he take another fishing trip instead. It was reported yesterday that Dennis Kloske, a senior commerce department official who had publicly criticised administration aid to Iraq before the invasion, had been sacked on Mr Sununu's orders. Inquests, like diplomacy, blur the campaign pictures.

This "freeze-it" strategy is not yet, however, the president's own. George Bush is very interested in Middle Eastern diplomacy and less enthused by education reform, tenant control of public housing, and other domestic delights. What better then than a bloody rumble in the mountains of Kurdistan to show him the dangers of "abroad"? While Washington is quiet, with the world's attention upon far distant refugeees, the great ship "White House" is turning around.

The backroom intellectuals are doing their bit to ease the change from an imperial presidency to a more domestic perspective. James Pinkerton, the president's deputy assistant for policy planning, has produced a lengthy analysis of how the achievements of war can be translated to success in cities and schools.

He argues that the Pentagon's recovery from the debacle of Vietnam was not caused by big spending or central command. He points to the changes in the US military that occurred during Ronald Reagan's presidency, when the old organisation was replaced with a more effective flexible, decentralised system. Meritocracy, motivation, better training and freedom of local action — those are the lessons of the Kuwaiti war that Mr Pinkerton wants to apply to education and labour in the run-up to 1992.

Rabbit rewarded: John Updike, who has won a second Pulitzer prize for *Rabbit at Rest*, the last of a quartet of novels, relaxing at his Massachusetts home this week

Updike and Simon win Pulitzer prizes

From Agence France-Presse in New York

JOHN Updike, Neil Simon, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* are among the winners of 1991 Pulitzer prizes, American journalism's highest award.

Updike won the award for fiction, with *Rabbit at Rest*, the last of his acclaimed quartet of "Rabbit" novels. Simon, America's best-known living playwright, won the drama award for *Lost in Yonkers*, a story about a strong-willed matriarch.

The Washington Post took two awards: Caryle Murphy won the international reporting prize for dispatches from Kuwait, and Jim Hoagland was given the commentary award for articles on the Gulf war and President Gorbachev's problems. *The New York Times* also took two awards: Serge Schmemann received an award for coverage of German reunification, and Natalie Angier took the prize for scientific stories. The photography award went to Greg Marinovith of Associated Press for a picture of a black South African killing a suspected Zulu spy. The public service award was won by the *Des Moines Register*.

Other awards were: **history:** *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on her Diary, 1785-1812* by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich; **biography:** *Jackson Pollock: An American Saga* by Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith; **poetry:** *Near Changes* by Mona Van Duyn; **general non-fiction:** *The Ants* by Bert Holldobler and Edward O. Wilson; **music:** *Symphony* by Shulamit Ran.

US firms ask to test defect drug

From Associated Press in Baltimore

TWO American drug companies have asked for permission to produce the sedative Thalidomide for research, 30 years after it was withdrawn for causing 12,000 birth defects worldwide.

Andrulis Pharmaceuticals in Beltsville, Maryland, wants to evaluate the drug for treatment of a graft-versus-host disease, in which transplanted cells attack the recipient. Pediatric Pharmaceuticals of Westfield, New Jersey, wants to supply it for lupus, leprosy and Aids trials.

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From Reuter in Lomé

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l tear gas and ts and chased s who had virtu- ontrol of three districts. The protesters burnt tyres to block their way. There were no reports of injuries yesterday. The government declared an overnight curfew on Tuesday after two people were hurt in similar protests. The authorities said the demonstrations had degenerated into "vandalism, destruction, looting and sometimes attempts on lives".

Mr Eyadema, facing his worst government problems since he seized power in a coup in 1963, is expected to announce a timetable for political reforms tomorrow. Residents think the protests are intended to make the military leader keep his word. He agreed to multi-party reforms after unrest last month, and said that there would be a national conference, amnesty for exiled dissidents and rapid progress to end 28 years of one-party rule.

The government stationed tanks and assault troops at the border with Ghana. Official sources said they were intended to prevent anti-government militants from crossing into the country. Ghana and Togo have long had strained relations because Mr Eyadema's believes that Ghana's leader, Flight-Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, was behind a coup attempt in 1986.

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Patrick Swayze, the star of the film and co-star of last year's top money-spinner *Ghost*, did not turn up for his scene. "Filming *City of Joy* has felt more like Rudyard Kipling's enduring description of Calcutta as the 'City of Dreadful Nights'," one crew member said.

Joffe and Iain Smith, his co-producer, are due to appear before a junior welfare board today to answer a university professor's objections about a scene featuring a young prostitute.

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Major struggles to keep his Kurdish enclave plans alive

By PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE prime minister yesterday mounted a new diplomatic offensive to win support for his plan to create safe havens in Iraq for the Kurds fleeing from President Saddam Hussein.

Despite the apparently lukewarm response at the White House, John Major sent messages to President Bush, President Gorbachev, Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary general, urging them to use their influence to help establish United Nations controlled areas for the Kurds.

Last night he was expected to talk to Mr Bush on the telephone both to press his initiative and to get a clearer idea of any US objections.

As Mr Major came under criticism from American administration officials about the lack of consultation with Washington over his plan, Whitehall officials were playing down any suggestions of a rift, or that the Americans were unhappy with the plan. A senior official said: "That is not our impression here from our contacts. We think they support what we are doing."

Mr Major's message to the Chinese and Soviet leaders, whose support is essential to his plan, made plain that the havens were proposed only as a first stage and that in due course the refugees would be enabled to return home with the UN safeguarding their well-being. Britain was not looking for a separate Kurdistan.

The message to Mr Bush explained that Britain felt there was UN authority under Resolution 688 to create safe havens in which refugees could receive relief supplies in safety. British officials accepted that Mr Major had not cleared his plan with Washington in advance, but that he had wanted to act quickly and to take the opportunity of the European Council meeting in Luxembourg on Monday to gain support. The lack of consultation provoked fresh criticism in Washington yesterday. "It would have been better to have tried and had some (consultation) ... in principle consultation is always useful," said one official. He claimed that the embarrassment would probably not have occured if Sir Charles Powell was still the prime minister's foreign policy adviser. Sir Charles, who stood down last month, had a virtual hot-line to Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, which he used frequently.

"The difference between European impulses and American ones is that we try very carefully not to propose anything we can't actually carry out," said the official, who thought Mr Major's proposal had been precipitated by the twin political requirements of making a response to the desperate plight of the Kurds and demonstrating that the British government was "not simply an extension of American policy".

Spelling out US objections to Mr Major's plan, the officials said the establishment of such enclaves in the face of Baghdad's opposition would have set a precedent for UN interference in the internal affairs of a member state.

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JAMES GRAY

Floral persuasion: John Major, with an armful of flowers, talking to children from the Kurdish community in London yesterday. The children presented the prime minister with the bouquets as he left a function

Baghdad sending supplies to north

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU
IN NICOSIA AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IRAQ said yesterday it was sending relief supplies and medical teams to the north, where it stands accused of brutal suppression of the Kurdish uprising.

Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, the Iraqi trade minister, speaking before Washington told Baghdad to cease all military activity near areas where refugees had fled, also called on those who have flooded the Turkish and Iranian frontiers to return.

He said an intense campaign was underway to supply northern Iraq with food and medicine following the crushing of the Kurdish rebellion there. "There is enough food for all," Mr Saleh said in a statement published in the government daily newspaper *al-Jumhouriyah* and carried by the Iraqi News Agency.

"Thirty-five lorries left the day before yesterday and 100,000 loaves of bread, plus one tin of baby milk for each child, are being distributed daily to those returning to the northern region since four days ago," Mr Saleh said in a statement seen as a sick joke by Kurds.

The minister said food would be delivered to each family in the northern Kurdish cities of Sulaimaniyah, Irbil and Dahuk. Iraq said that 13,000 people had already returned to Sulaimaniyah.

Kurdish leaders said Baghdad's claims were "wildly exaggerated" but conceded some Kurds may have returned home because the situation in the mountains along the borders with Iran and Turkey was so desperate. "Most are too terrified to return, because they don't trust Saddam and atrocities are continuing," said Hoyshar Zebari, of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front.

Massoud Barzani, the veteran Kurdish guerrilla leader, urged the United Nations to back Britain's plan for a safe haven for the Kurds and said that many were dying because of a lack of vital supplies.

Iran has complained that most of the aid is being funnelled through Turkey while it has taken in three times more refugees.

Baghdad has said it will cooperate with a United Nations team to be sent to Iraq to study the plight of Kurds, but has said it will "use all means" to resist the establishment of safe zones for them. It says the plan is a plot to divide Iraq.

Iran less hostile to West

From EDWARD GORMAN
IN TEHRAN

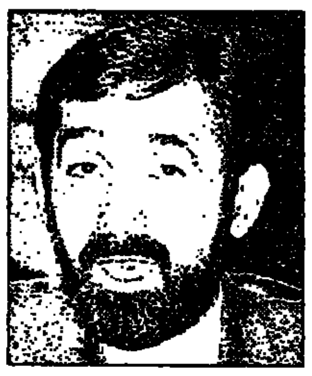
IRAN'S direct and unequivocal appeal to Western nations for help in coping with up to a million Kurdish refugees is being seen here as another sign of the Islamic regime's growing willingness to do business with the West.

Diplomats and aid officials say that Tehran's appeal was in marked contrast to its hesitant and uncertain response to Western offers of help after last year's earthquake, which claimed an estimated 50,000 lives.

While the overwhelming scale of the Kurdish influx partly accounts for the government's reaction, observers have been struck by its readiness to accept what amounts to further Western intervention.

Ali Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister, who called Western ambassadors and aid officials in on Tuesday, was said to have delivered a frank and detailed account of the scale of the disaster facing his country, and a long list of urgently needed supplies.

A Western source who attended the meeting said that while Iran's traditional aversion to foreign influence was still evident, this was "much less strong" than during the earthquake . He added: "We are yet another step down the road to normal relations."



Velayati: frank account of scale of the disaster

Iranians refuse to get out of Lebanon

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN BEIRUT

SYRIA'S plan to disband all militias in Lebanon yesterday met unmistakable opposition from Tehran when an Iranian military leader said armed struggle will continue as long as Israeli troops occupy Lebanese territory.

In the first interview given by a commander of the 2,000-strong Revolutionary Guards contingent which moved to Lebanon nine years ago, Hadi Riza Askari told *as-Safir*: "If Israel stays in Lebanon, we will stay here too. We have to stay here to help the people."

The Iranian stand was bound to present obstacles to President Hrawi's project to disarm the militias by the end of this month as part of a peace plan whose implementation will undoubtedly give Syria cause to boast about its benevolence in Lebanon.

Mr Askari's remarks would enhance the argument of Palestinian guerrillas, whose 10,000-strong force will not give up their weapons to the army while Israel still poses a threat to the refugee camps. He justified the presence of Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon, saying their role was not only military. He said schools, hospitals and orphanages would not exist without Iranian financial help.

Furthermore, he said Iran's political and military presence in Lebanon had the blessing of Syria. "The Guards came to boost the the morale of revolutionaries and, needless to say, our mission was decided in co-ordination with the Syrians."

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"It is assumed that the *governments of Iraq and Kuwait* would each carry out all aspects of civilian administration in their respective part of the demilitarised zone, including the maintenance of law and order." The secretary-general expressed concern, however, about the tens of thousands of refugees now in what will become the UN buffer zone.

The fate of hundreds of *thousands of Kurds* fleeing into the mountains of northern Iraq was similarly uncertain as it became clear that Britain did not have support at the United Nations for the creation of a UN sanctuary. Senior British sources said, after consultations with security council members, that there was opposition to what was perceived as interference in Iraq's internal affairs in violation of the UN charter.

Britain now seems to be thinking more in terms of the creation of temporary UN relief centres for the Kurds with the consent of the Iraqi government — a far cry from Mr Major's initial talk of safe havens possibly incorporating large Kurdish towns and policed by UN peacekeepers.

British diplomats are pinning their hopes on the mission by Eric Suy, a newly appointed UN envoy who is due to travel to Iraq this week to report on *the plight of the Kurds. British* diplomats are looking for him to persuade Baghdad to accept a civilian UN presence in northern Iraq to oversee a relief operation.

If Baghdad refuses to allow UN humanitarian assistance to the Kurds, Britain may then push for a security council resolution forcing Iraq to allow UN assistance, British sources said. But China, a *veto-bearing member of the* security council, has already said such a proposal goes beyond the council's mandate and other nations, including the Soviet Union, have expressed grave reservations.

Mr Suy will arrive in Baghdad on Saturday, accompanied by three or four UN staff — a smaller number than British officials would have liked. He will remain for a week to 10 days, leaving two or three of the officials behind when he leaves.

Jacques Santer, the prime minister of Luxembourg, visited UN headquarters and told the secretary-general that the Council of Europe was sticking by its proposal for "safety zones or protection zones" for the Kurds.

Frontier watch: Kurdish women refugees crouching in the dust in the mountainous Iranian border area of Piranshahr, safe from President Saddam Hussein's troops but with nowhere to go and nothing to do but to wait for relief supplies to reach them

Allies quicken pace of air aid to Kurds

From MICHAEL BINYON
IN INCIRLIK AIRBASE

MAKING their biggest drop yet, three British Hercules planes yesterday parachuted nearly 24 tons of emergency relief to Iraqi Kurdish refugees in the mountains on the Turkish border.

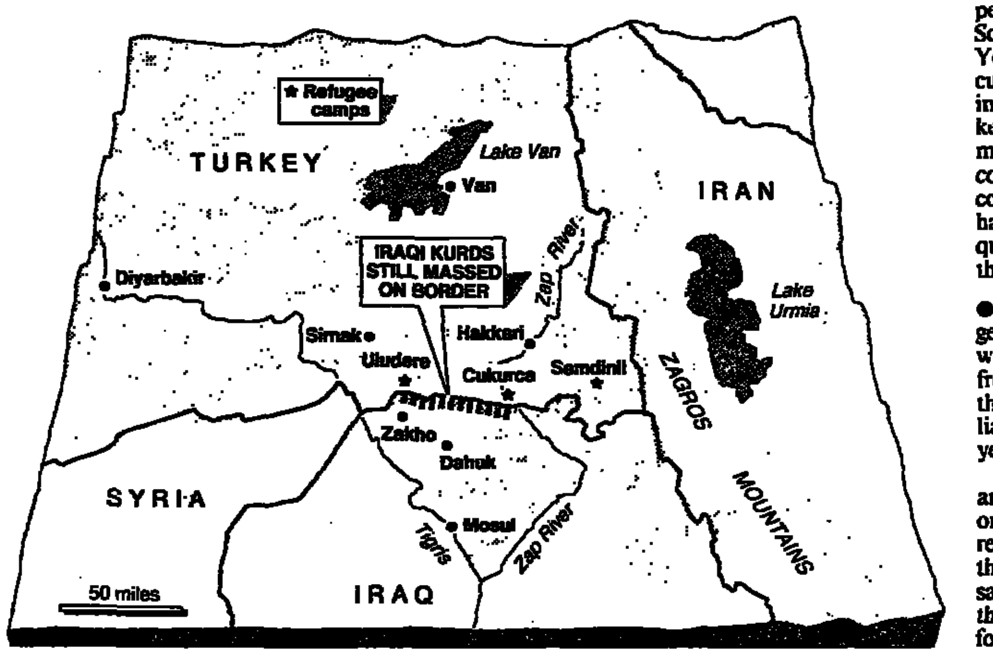
The drop came as the pace quickened, of "Provide Comfort", the three-nation emergency operation, with the Americans, British and French landing record supplies of food, water, milk formula, tarpaulins, blankets and tents. On the ground the Kurds see the allied airlift as a life-saver, and have been crying for joy as the parachutes float from the sky.

According to a French government representative who has just returned from northern Iraq, the refugees are waiting for the planes with anticipation, cheering their arrival and stretching their arms to the sky. They are lighting fires to identify their positions and guide the pilots through the treacherous valleys, and are waiting until the drops end before tearing open the canvas containers so as not to crowd the drop zones.

"They are using everything — the canvas for tents, the straps for the mules, the provisions going to each family," said Michel Bonnot, the special representative of Bernard Kouchner, the French minister for humanitarian policy. Last week he crossed into Iraq on foot and was with the refugees when the Americans began the operation.

"They cried for joy and ran *towards the parachutes. For* the first time in their lives they were not afraid of the planes. Before they meant death or chemical weapons." The men retrieved the packages while the women and children stayed in the primitive encampment they have set up in the rugged mountains. The food was seen as a godsend, and the children played with the plastic packages containing spoons, coffee powder, matches and other staples. "When I saw the plane doors open and the parachutes come down, I was deeply moved. It *means everything to the* Kurds to know the world has not forgotten them," M Bonnot said.

Traditional village structures have broken down and heads of families initially fought among themselves for whatever supplies were available. "Where are Unicef (the United Nations children's charity) or the United Nations *High Commissioner for Refugees.* Where are the world's charities? I never saw anyone from the Turkish Red Crescent or other relief workers." M Bonnot said some Kurds had returned from Turkey in despair at conditions. But most knew things would be bad but carried on so great was their fear of President Saddam Hussein's troops.



For the *British*, yesterday's drop was a great relief after the disappointment on Tuesday when thick cloud prevented the landing of supplies. The crews of the three Hercules from RAF Lyneham said the treacherous weather was the main enemy. Every day the allies took different valleys to ensure fair distribution. "We've no idea how many people are down there," said Squadron Leader Graeme Young. "The terrain is difficult. Each plane did four runs in a big v-shaped valley. We kept a tight orbit, and this morning the eastern area was covered *in cloud* so we all covered the western area. We had to wait our turn in the queue — the Americans first, then the French, then us."

● **ANKARA:** Two Iraqi refugees were crushed to death when aid packages, dropped from Western planes, fell on them, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported yesterday.

The two women were among 17 refugees who died on Tuesday at the sprawling refugee camp at Cukurca on the Turkish border, the agency said. It reported that nine of *the victims were children* and four were women. *(AP)*

Exodus from Shia fighting

From JAMIE DETTMER
IN NASIRIYAH, SOUTHERN IRAQ

WITH fear mounting among the inhabitants of southern Iraq at the coming American withdrawal from the area, Iraqis are employing desperate measures to get as far away as *possible* from President Saddam Hussein.

Since the end of February, the 200-mile sector of southern Iraq controlled by US forces has been a safe haven from the Shia Muslim rebellion. From within the sector the residents have heard tales of brutal repression of the uprising against Saddam. They now fear that what is happening further north will be visited on them.

In the past few days those living in the sector have joined Iraqis from further north in refugee columns heading to the camps on the Kuwait-Iraq border. Two thousand or so arrive every day at the US army refugee camp at Safwan and at the Red Crescent camp at Abdaly. "What can we do? We can do nothing but go to Kuwait and hope," Ahmed, a teacher from Nasiriyah, said.

Few of the hundreds of refugees heading south believe the United Nations will be able to protect them from army units loyal to Saddam. Their aim is to try to persuade US or Kuwaiti troops that they should be sent to the West or another Arab country — anywhere.

Nearly 10,000 refugees a day are being given food by the US soldiers in the Safwan camp. "God, what do I feel?" asked a sergeant. "What do I feel about leaving these people? I want to go home but not with this on my mind."

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Fire-bomb attack on army club adds to Croatia tension

From Dessa Trevisan and Tim Judah in Belgrade

TENSION remained high in Croatia yesterday after the fire bombing of an army club in the Adriatic town of Sibenik. The attack followed demonstrations against the Yugoslav army in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, and the port town of Split on Monday after the military trial of the republic's defence minister was opened and immediately adjourned.

In Split, windows were smashed and protesters invaded the garden of the army club before being dispersed. The Yugoslav military authorities are accusing Martin Spegelj, the defence minister, and six others of plotting "armed rebellion", but the Croatian government has refused to hand over the minister.

The military warned the Croatian government after last Monday's demonstrations, in which the offices of Serbian firms were also damaged, that it would no longer tolerate such attacks and would respond "with all means". This was echoed by Borisav Jovic, who represents Serbia on Yugoslavia's eight-man presidential council. He also accused the Croatian security forces of complicity in the attacks.

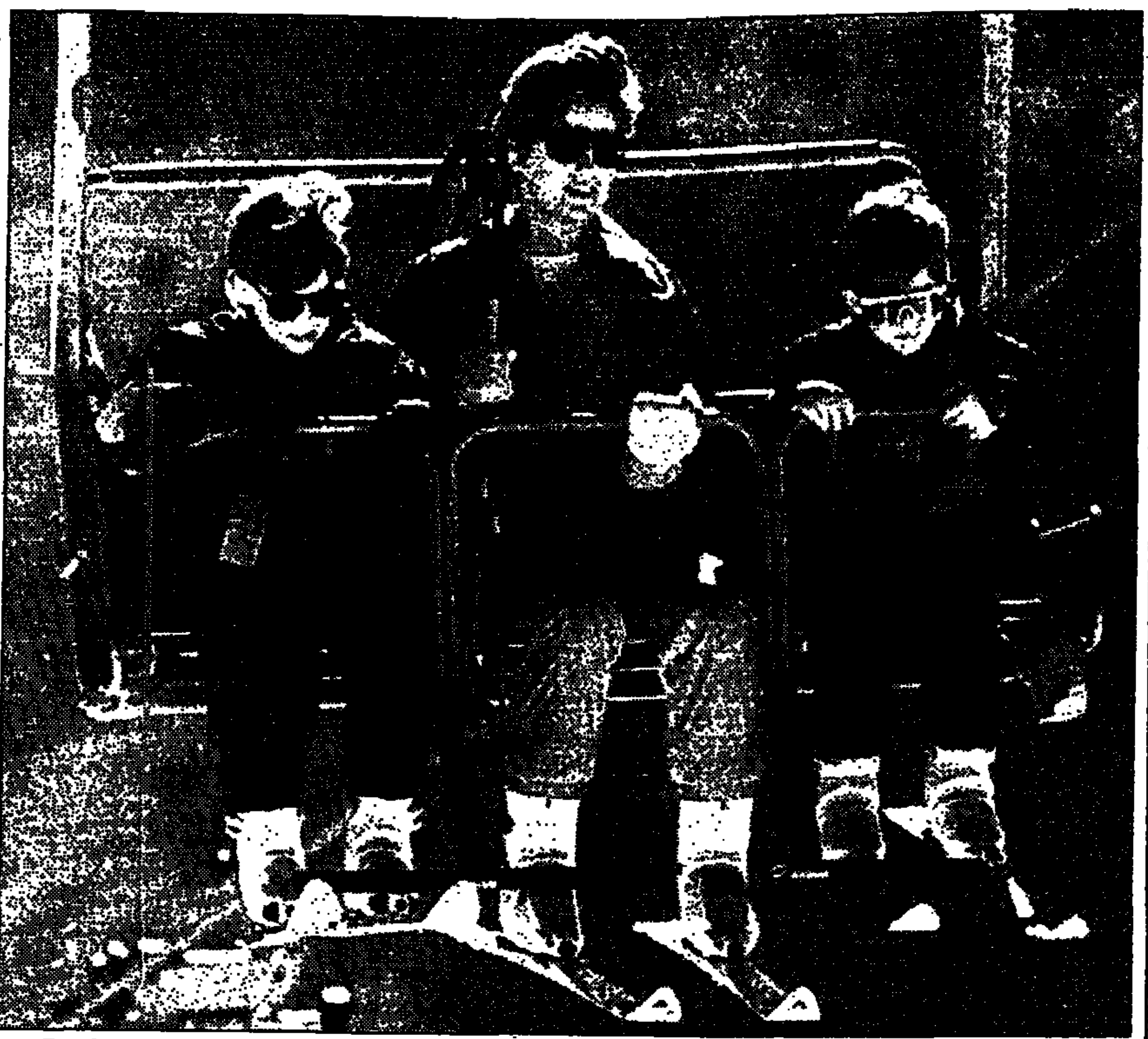
Meanwhile in Krajina, the rebel Serb region of Croatia, small bombs were still being detonated. While these were aimed at Croatian-owned shops and businesses, other bombs have also been exploded in the past few days in retaliation against Serbian properties in northern Croatia.

The attacks on the military building and the level of tension in the Krajina region, appear to show that neither Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, nor Franjo Tudjman, his Croatian opposite number, have any control over their extremists. This dangerous situation led Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the Serbian opposition, to call yesterday for the urgent convening of a round-table conference of all Serbian and Croatian political parties. He also demanded the disarming of the Croatian police. "War can only be avoided through a balance of impotence," he said. "If the army cannot, or will not, disarm the Croatians, then a balance of fear is needed."

In Croatia, the opposition accused Dr Tudjman of not doing enough to counter what it sees as Serbian attempts to dismember the republic.

Serbian opposition parties stormed out of the parliament in Belgrade after discovering that proceedings were not being broadcast live. They had been debating their demand for the resignation of the Serbian prime minister and minister of industry, whom the opposition hold responsible for a brutal assault against anti-government demonstrators in the Yugoslav capital last month.

The walk-out followed the resignation of Radmilo Bogdanovic, the interior minister. Students had threatened to resume their street protests unless he resigned by today.



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French left holds on to power

From Reuter in Paris

CONSERVATIVE hopes of toppling France's minority Socialist government were thwarted yesterday when the Communist party refused to take sides in a no-confidence motion, the 11th in three years.

The communists said they would not help the opposition oust Michel Rocard, the prime minister, after charges that his government tampered with the law to stop an election slush-fund scandal. "Communist *deputies* ... will not mix their votes with the right in this political operation, which could only whitewash the responsiblity the right and the Socialists in power share for attacks on the independence of justice," they said.

Italy's 'old fox' form new coaliti

From Paul Bompard in Rome

GIULIO Andreotti, who at 70 is known as "the old fox of Italian politics", was given the go-ahead yesterday to form a new government by the leaders of the five parties that will form the ruling coalition.

The coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Liberals, and Social Democrats, will be based on a programme of radical institutional reform that could pave the way for the most drastic changes in Italian politics since the fall of fascism.

Barring last-minute obstacles, Signor Andreotti, a Christian Democrat, is expected to present Italy's 50th postwar cabinet, and the seventh that he himself has led, to President Cossiga at the end of this week or early next.

The new government, referred to in Italian political circles as "Andreotti 7", can only last until general elections scheduled for June 1992. It is, however, expected to initiate huge changes in the country's electoral and political systems, a condition set by the Socialist party for its support of the new ment. The Socialists Bettino Craxi, have e gested instituting a in which the presi directly elected by vo has wide executive po

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London dealer hel in art thefts enquir

From Andrew McEwen in Milan

A LONDON antiques dealer has been arrested in Italy after carvings and paintings worth £1 million were found in the boot of a car by police investigating an international theft ring. The works included ten 15th century Chinese ivory statuettes, believed to have been stolen from a London museum.

Police have not yet named the dealer but said he was a noted restorer and antiquary. He is understood to be an Italian, in his fifties, who has been resident in Britain for many years. He was stopped at Gallarate, near Como.

The hoard in the car also included two paintings by Matisse and de Pisis, English silver antiques, 19th century English prints, a table clock and a gold Austrian eye-glass.

Police believed that an increase in thefts from private collections in Arezzo, near Florence, was connected loss of the ivory carvi London, and possibly t lar crimes elsewhe Europe. The dealer' registration number wa sed to the Gallarate squad by police in Arezz by Interpol.

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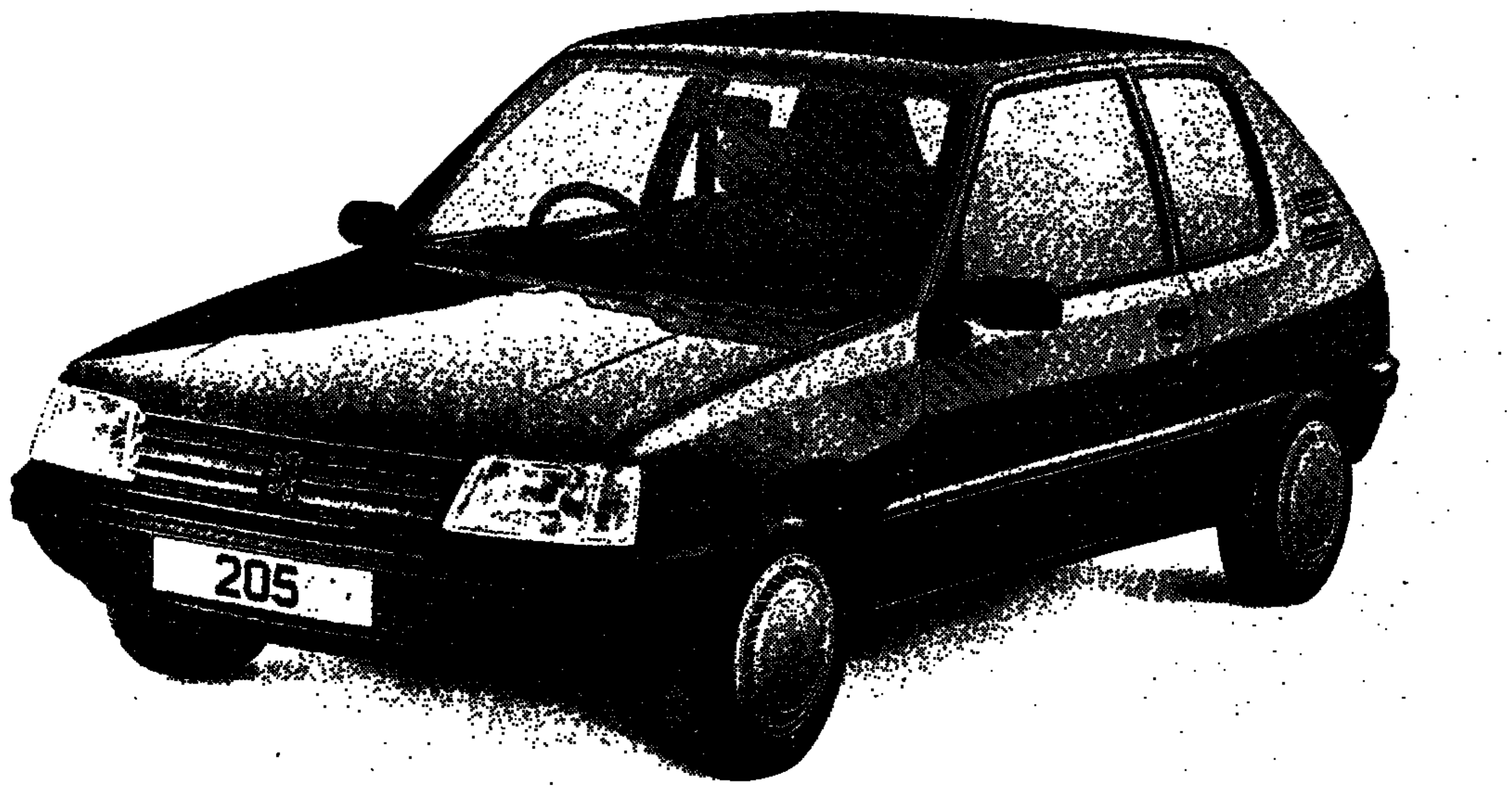

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nchyk, the strik- m, said: "History that the end of will come. The ion is leading to unitary action throughout the state, people everywhere are joining the political struggle for their rights and the position is heading towards a general strike."

Workers and their families, whose cost of living has trebled, filed into Lenin Square in the capital Minsk throughout the day, to hear strike leaders demand sweeping economic and political changes. The 60,000-strong crowd cheered when one disabled worker from the Minsk tractor factory demanded that the Soviet and Belorussian leaders "be brought to trial".

"I have been honestly and silently working for 33 years and have had no other source of income. Where did my money go?" he asked. "Our rulers have led Belorussia and Russia to poverty when we work diligently. I am pleading and demanding that the government that led the people to poverty, and Gorbachev, should face justice."

A pensioner broke through the cordon around the speaker's platform, and, with tears streaming, shouted at Stanislav Shushkevich, the republic's deputy prime minister. "I voted for you because you painted bright pictures of the future, but now I have nothing," she cried. "I live on 90 roubles (£90) a month and you have much more than me.

"I am not a party member. I can't have what you have, I can't eat what you eat and I can't wear the clothes you wear. You always lived well while we had nothing." An embarrassed Mr Shushkevich attempted to placate her. "You will have compensation," he said.

The price rises are proving a disaster for the Soviet government and for Mr Gorbachev, who is being identified personally with the new burden placed on Soviet families. Unless the Belorussian government can buy time by making concessions to the workers, the action is expected to spread throughout the republic today and promote the region's growing independence movement.

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Riding high: Nemo Burchuladze, the Georgian deputy president, cheering the crowd in the capital, Tbilisi, yesterday as demonstrators carried him on their shoulders. They were celebrating the unanimous vote in the republic's parliament this week to declare independence from the Soviet Union

Moscow 'turning troops on Georgia'

From BRUCE CLARK
IN MOSCOW

THE Georgian government yesterday accused Soviet troops of turning their guns on the republic's police, and announced that workers in the territory, which proclaimed independence from Moscow on Tuesday, would mount a general strike in protest.

Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the republic's nationalist president, alleged that Soviet interior ministry forces, whose strength has been greatly increased over the past few days, attacked at least three Georgian villages in South Ossetia and arrested 21 militiamen.

His allegations, combined with reports that Soviet troops are breaking the economic blockade mounted by Georgian forces against several ethnic Ossetian communities, suggested that a major military operation was under way.

Georgian officials said the latest moves marked a clear retaliation by the Kremlin for the republic's pro-independence stance, underlined by a massive vote for secession in last month's referendum.

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From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

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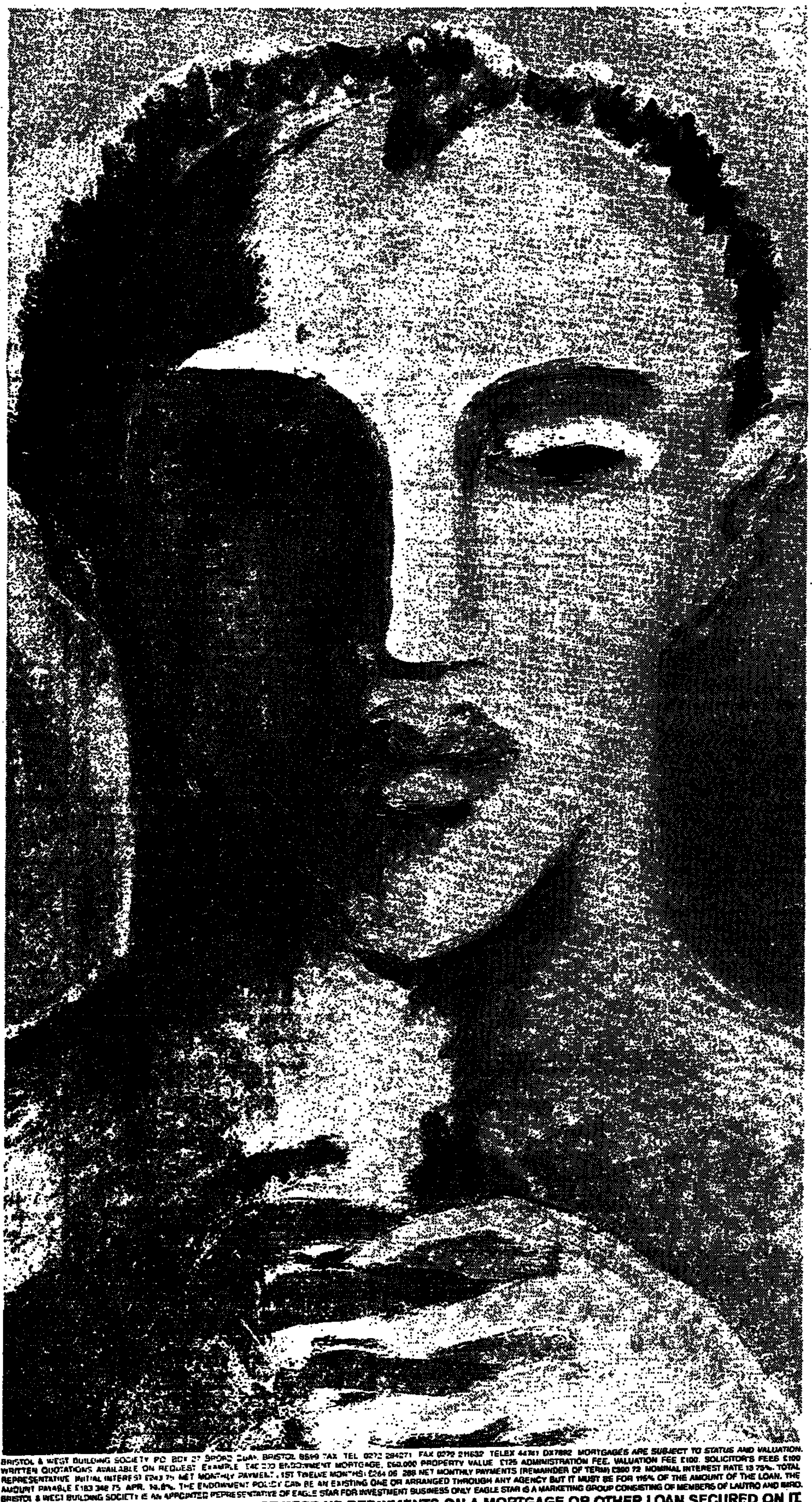
Mario, like hundreds of other young criminals in the east, is discovering the downside of unity. Mixed police units are now on patrol in east Berlin, blending Western expertise with the local knowledge of the former *Volkspolizei*. They are more than a match for the hapless criminals used to escaping with ease from the notoriously slow *Vopos* in their Ladas.

New police uniforms arrived in Marzahn this week so, theoretically, it is no longer possible to tell the western police from their eastern colleagues. But that does not fool old hands like Mario. Turning to the western police, he said: "You lot are quality. I could tell by the way you broke my door down. Brilliant."

Half an hour later we arrived at the cells in Wedding. "Hey," said Mario. "Look at this. Luxury. In the east, we didn't even have a window or a bench to sit on in the cells." He settled down for the night, puzzled at being asked to remove his shoelaces. "Before, *no one much* cared if we hung ourselves," he said.

Both police and thieves are having trouble adjusting to joint law enforcement in united Berlin. Thefts, burglaries and assaults have increased since the opening of the border. Nobody can say by how much, as the old crime statistics were massaged into nothingness by a *regime intent* on emphasising the contrast with crime-ridden capitalism.

Lothar Viebig, a western superintendent on loan to Marzahn, said that young eastern criminals fit a classic pattern. They tend to live in the high-rise colonies that were the former socialist state's pride and joy. They are now unemployed and heavy drinkers, and over-exhilarated by the freedoms of capitalism. But he cannot hide his sympathy for them. "They haven't learnt to be as streetwise as youngsters in the west. They still bow to authority. The sad thing is that persistent offenders like them will soon harden into unpleasant, serious criminals when they learn a bit more from the West."



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New ways of making cheap power from sunlight have been discovered, reveals

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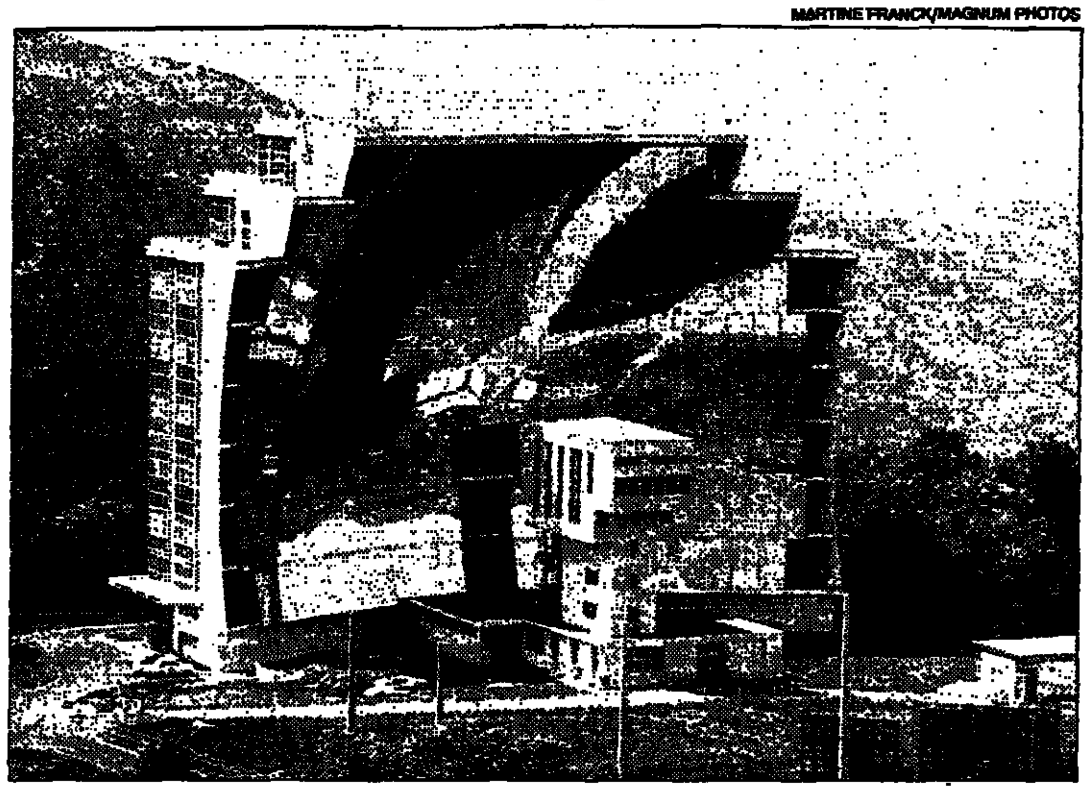

Power of the sun: this solar furnace in the Pyrenees symbolises the energy production of the future

A new low-cost process for producing solar cells, announced last week by Texas Instruments and Southern California Edison, has injected some excitement into a business that has long promised rather more than it has delivered.

Cost is the key to the future of solar cells. Even sceptics now accept that they work, converting sunlight directly into electricity. Watches, electronic calculators, radios, and even cars and aircraft have been successfully powered by photovoltaic cells. The real market, however, will not open up until solar cells can generate electricity at a price competitive with that of coal or oil.

Such competitive prices are still some way off, but getting closer. Texas Instruments' target is to halve the cost of generating electricity using solar cells, which is now about 30 cents (17p) a kilowatt hour. The cost must reach 14 cents (8p) to equal the price Southern California Edison charges domestic customers.

Most of the utility's electricity would still come from conventional power stations, but the peaks of demand – on summer afternoons, when electricity demand in California is highest – would be met by solar cells. At present these peaks are supplied by turbines running on gas or light oil, at about 15 cents (8½p).

The new cells are cheaper mainly because they use inexpensive, low-purity silicon, which costs about $1-$2 (56p to £1.12) a kilogram, instead of the highly purified variety at $75 (£42.50) a kilogram. "You have incredible savings just on raw materials," says Dr Nick Patapoff, a senior research engineer at Southern California Edison.

A second saving comes in the production process, in which heat is used to expel impurities from beads of silicon no bigger than the point of a pencil. The beads are then fashioned on to a flexible substrate of aluminium foil four inches square. After six years of research, Dr Patapoff says the process has been shown to work in the laboratory. "Now we want to see if we can meet the cost targets," he says.

Dr Patapoff believes the new cells may also be used on the rooftops of homes, providing pollution-free electricity and reducing demand for other sources. "This technology allows us to generate electricity without generating any additional environmental impact," he says.

If successful, the cells will mark a huge advance for the photovoltaic industry. Last year all the world's solar cells added up to a total capacity of only 45 megawatts, about enough to supply 15,000 homes.

Most of that energy was in tiny amounts in wrist watches and calculators, although there is now a growing market in the Third World for a solar kit powerful enough, in conjunction with batteries, to run some lights and a television set.

The future lies along two different routes. Companies such as Texas Instruments and Sanyo Electric, the Japanese consumer electronics company, are working on devices that have relatively low conversion efficiency but are cheap to make.

The alternative is to go for devices that are up to three times as efficient but cost much more. To use these more expensive devices effectively, mirrors and other devices concentrate the light on to them.

Solar cell research boomed in the Seventies, when successive oil shocks persuaded governments that alternatives to oil and gas were needed. The oil price slump during the Eighties reversed the priorities, and research declined.

The years out of the limelight have produced real progress, however. The average cost of generating electricity by solar cells has fallen from $1.50 (85p) a kilowatt hour to 30 cents (17p) today. The efficiency of Sanyo's cheap solar cells, only 2.5 per cent in 1980, has been improved to more than 11 per cent.

The improvements have convinced some enthusiasts that the day of the solar cell may be close. The new cells being developed by Texas Instruments at its Dallas plant "have the potential to be the type of breakthrough technology we have all been working for in the solar industry", says Robert Dietch, a vice-president of California Edison.

The next stage will be to carry out field trials and to develop a manufacturing process, which is expected to take until the end of next year.

Scott Sklar, the executive director of the Solar Energy Industry Association in the United States, describes the developments as a unique and bold idea. "It should be one of the many technological paths that make photovoltaics commonplace," he says.

Chips are dow in computer wa

Breakaway group challenges the market l in an attempt to introduce new standarc the industry and the use of a rival micro

The outlines of an ambitious attempt to establish the way computers will operate in the future were revealed on Tuesday by a group of 21 companies.

Although the group contains some of the industry's leaders, it does not include the world's largest computer company, IBM. In a direct challenge to IBM and others, the group has produced plans for new standards, including one based on a commitment to using a new type of computer chip.

The plans stress continued support for the Intel chips widely used in today's personal computers, but the move could undermine Intel's hold on the market.

The group is also supporting a "unified" version of the Unix operating system to try to end the confusion over the different and incompatible versions available and an advanced operating system from Microsoft.

Despite the traditional rivalry between members of the group, the possibility of breaking away from IBM, which because of its size is the dominant maker of standards in the business, seems to have been too good an opportunity to miss, although analysts are undecided whether the move will succeed.

The idea started in January at a meeting in California's Silicon Valley when representatives from Compaq, Digital Equipment, Microsoft and Santa Cruz Operation outlined plans for developing a new standard based on a reduced instruction set computing (Risc) chip made by the MIPS Corporation. Other group memb Sony, Siemens, NEC and

So far Risc chips have b mainly for workstations - powerful desktop comput initially cost so much th were limited to specialis such as science and engine

As prices have fallen, non-technical buyers hav fast. Now, however, prod- lacking standards, on whi ness users virtually insist t that different types of eq and software will work and which are vital if the become the basis for generation of personal con However, Sun Microsyste ple Computer and Hewle ard are companies tha stayed out of the agreemen

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Plastic plan to plug Saddam's oil fires

BRITISH engineers have devised what could be a rapid method for putting out many of Kuwait's oil blazes.

The technique involves the novel use of an elastic plastic material now being tested by British Rail as a durable, anti-vandal coating at stations. The consulting engineering company, W.S. Atkins, believes this material could help to plug an oil well to end the flow of crude and gases that are keeping more than 500 damaged Gulf wells alight.

The plan, devised with S.S.D. Porch, Eastbourne, East Sussex, and Mowlem International, of Bracknell, Berkshire, involves mixing the ingredients that make up the material in tanks of nitrogen. A shallow relief well would be dug into the main well and the material, a polyurea, would be injected down it at the rate of half a ton a minute. Tests indicate that the material can be made to harden in less than a second.

As the mass dries, the nitrogen forms microscopic bubbles inside, causing it to swell by about a quarter, says Nick Heaf, a director at W.S. Atkins's oil and gas division in Epsom, Surrey.

The British engineers believe that the material flowing into the main shaft would plug the well and end the flow of gases and crude.

More than 1,000 proposals for extinguishing the Kuwaiti oil fires have been submitted to the trade and industry department and the Kuwait government by British inventors, groups of engineers and companies.

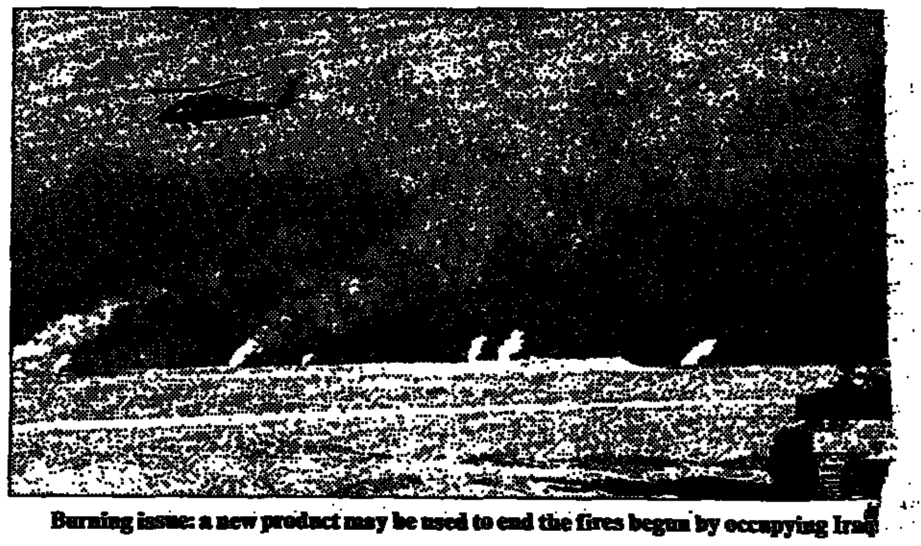
The trade and industry department has passed the proposals it received to the energy department's offshore supplies office for consideration. However, many of the people behind the schemes sent to Kuwait fear they may have been discarded.

The W.S. Atkins proposal is more promising as the Kuwait Oil Company is considering it as a way of creating instant lagoons in depressions in the desert. These would be used to hold sea water, pumped from the Gulf through existing pipes, for cooling well heads and possibly extinguishing fires and could collect the crude that spills out of damaged wells into the sand.

The company now has the go-ahead for tests in Kuwait and is expected to carry them out this month.

Mr Heaf says that if the team is asked to create the lagoons, it should be possible to bring in the more innovative ideas, such as the plugging plan.

NICK NUTTALL



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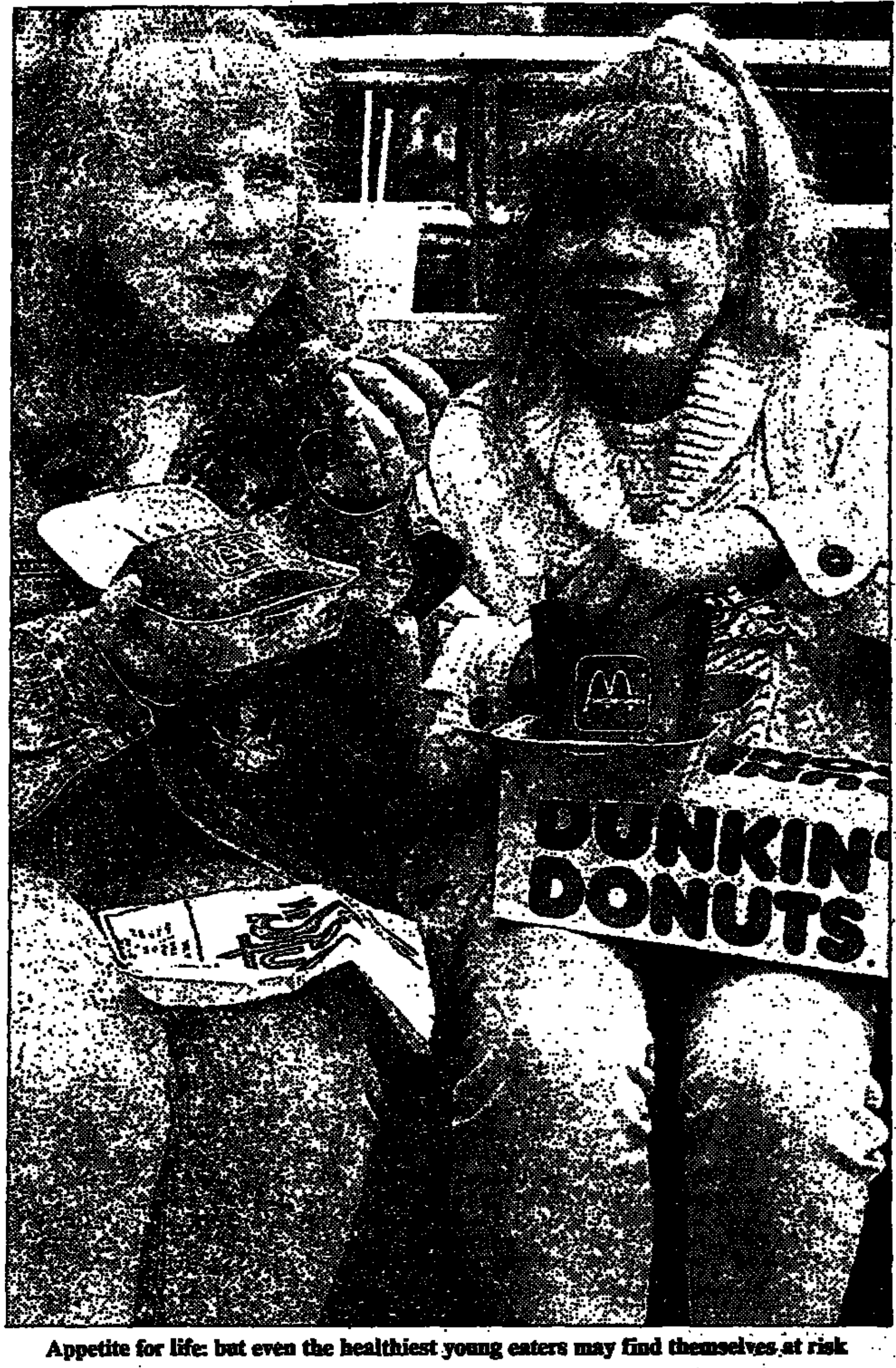
When a girl's eyes are smaller than her stomach

Dieters are getting younger. Why are some children, usually female, starving themselves? Thomson Prentice reports



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Appetite for life: but even the healthiest young eaters may find themselves at risk

She was 11 years old, and nobody knew how long she had been starving herself. She had lost more than two stones, at least a third of her body weight. She needed emergency hospital treatment to save her life, and her recovery will be slow and difficult.

Anorexia nervosa used to be a disorder that mainly struck teenage girls and young women. Today, it is becoming a disease of childhood, with children as young as eight among its victims. Almost all of them are girls.

According to some specialists, there are 10,000 schoolgirls in Britain suffering from eating disorders, of which anorexia is the most common, and the most baffling. The problem of anorexia in prepubescent girls is still on a small scale, but it is big enough to cause deep concern among psychiatrists and psychologists fighting it.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is trying to help parents recognise the early warning symptoms of the disorder in their children, and new evidence of its spread is being presented in Bournemouth today at the annual conference of the British Psychological Society.

"Society has on its hands the potential for an explosion in clinical eating problems," says Dr Andrew Hill, a lecturer in behavioural sciences at Leeds university. He will present to the conference survey results showing that girls as young as nine are jeopardising their health through unnecessary dieting and also putting themselves at risk of eating disorders later in life.

Dr Bryan Lask, a consultant child psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London, deals with an average of two new severe cases of anorexia every month among youngsters aged from eight to 12. The hospital's eating disorders clinic is taking referrals from all over Britain.

While many of the children have a phobia about becoming fat, others are struggling with complex emotional difficulties. They have lost their appetite not just for food, but for the life they believe awaits them.

The 11-year-old girl described above is one of Dr Lask's patients. Her case appears straightforward. She watched her parents' marriage disintegrate, witnessed their separation, and was a bystander in the conflict that then continued between them.

Gradually, she stopped eating. When she did take food, usually only in the presence of a parent, she would steal away and force herself to vomit. "Like many such children, she was able to conceal her condition. Even in an apparently close and happy family, parents often fail to see what is happening," Dr Lask says.

Dr Lask, the author of *Children's Problems* (Optima, £6.99) believes there are other factors. "Children today, particularly girls, see and hear references to sex in books, magazines, television and films, and they come under pressure to respond without really knowing what to do.

"Some young girls feel they must speed up the process of being attractive, and begin to diet because they think they must be slim to be desirable. Others may react in the opposite way. They don't want to have to compete, and dieting for them is a way of staying a child."

> *'Dieting for some is a way of staying a child'*

Dr Richard Williams, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist at Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, agrees. "Control of eating is one way of dealing with the inherent anxieties of growing up, through creating an illusion of self-control," he says.

A third of Dr Williams's anorexic patients are girls who have not reached puberty. A few are under ten years old. "A child who lacks self-esteem and feels vulnerable can persuade herself that if she more closely resembled the way society tells her she should look, she would be happier," Dr Williams says. "At a time of heightened sensitivity to the bodily changes resulting from or promised by puberty, it is predictable that she will adopt society's concerns with physique and dieting."

Medical research suggests that obesity is becoming more common in children, and that they are taking inadequate physical exercise. "Some children who are overweight and who are aware of dietary advice may be trying too hard to reduce weight," Dr Williams says.

Children as young as ten can join Weight Watchers, although if they are under 16 they need a doctor's certificate. The organisation, which announces its slimming success of the year at the Dorchester today, has introduced a higher energy diet specifically for teenagers. Margaret Turner, its food adviser, says: "Overweight children are keen to diet because they want to be like their peers. We get enquiries from parents of anorexic children but refer them on to self-help groups because there is nothing we can do for them."

Anorexia in males is rare, and Dr Williams has never dealt with an anorexic boy. He believes this is because boys mature more slowly, and have more time to adjust to puberty and adolescence than girls.

What can be done? Society is unlikely to change its values, so the onus is on parents to help guide their children through a crucial stage of their development, Dr Williams says. "Most parents do this perfectly well, and only a small minority of children are at risk of anorexia, so I don't want to exaggerate the difficulties.

"But the pressures on children today are probably greater than they were a generation ago. By bearing this in mind, by giving reassurance, and by helping children keep or regain their self-esteem, parents can reduce the risk."

Treatment for the anorexic child begins with the family doctor, who will refer her to a psychiatrist or psychologist skilled in dealing with the disorder. The specialist will try to discover the underlying cause, through a series of talks with the child and the parents, while trying gradually to interest the child in food.

Most such children can be handled as out-patients, but the process may take weeks or months. A third recover fully, a third continue to have anxieties about their weight but eat adequately, and a third do not recover completely, and need hospital treatment from time to time over a period of years.

● *A leaflet on anorexia can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Further advice is available from the Eating Disorders Association, Sackville Place, 44 Magdalen Street, Norwich NR3 1JE.*

MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A dose of salts for ME

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It's o.k. It's not a proper disease!

NICK MALAND

MYALGIC encephalomyelitis (ME) is known as "yuppie flu" to much of the press, and as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) to medical purists who feel that the term encephalomyelitis implies an acceptance of a viral origin. According to a recent *Lancet* report, most doctors would not acknowledge ME as a distinct disease. Only 60 GPs in the Southampton area replied to a recent letter about ME from three research workers. Forty made it clear that they did not believe in the disease; the other 20, although prepared to be co-operative, had scant knowledge of the condition. The research team was investigating reports that good results were achieved by treating patients who were alleged to have ME with injections of Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) and that another study had shown a low level of red blood cell magnesium in ME sufferers. Low levels of magnesium are known to cause loss of appetite, personality changes, muscle pains, tiredness and weakness — symptoms like those included in the accepted profile of ME.

The results of the double blind trial in Southampton showed that patients given magnesium sulphate injections achieved higher red cell concentrations than those given a placebo, and that 12 out of 15 patients treated improved, compared with three out of 17 of the healthy controls.

From ancient times, there have been diseases suspiciously like ME. This century we have had neurasthenia, Icelandic disease and Royal Free disease, and none of them has shown convincing evidence of infection by any one particular virus. An earlier report in *The Lancet* suggested that between 50 and 80 per cent of patients with ME had a psychiatric condition — often depression, which is a common sequel of a viral infection. The Southampton controls were healthy people. It might be revealing to repeat the experiment using chronically depressed patients as the control group.

Even without Epsom salts, the ME Association is rent asunder. The entire team of distinguished doctors, clerics and laymen who are its directors face a no confidence motion and a call to resign at an extraordinary general meeting arranged for April 20.

Honeyed words

NOW that supplementary doses of vitamins C and E, and beta-carotene, as well as fish oil and minerals, are prescribed regularly by respectable pin-striped physicians who have not worn a sandal or drunk lentil soup since the nursery, it has become less fashionable to mock health foods. However, royal jelly has recently been the subject of a detailed analysis by nutritionists, who have published their findings in the Consumers' Association magazine, *Which? Way to Health*. Royal jelly, the report says, is about as nutritious as cornflakes.

Honey, as well as royal jelly, has had a bad press recently. At the same time as *Which?* was poking fun at royal jelly, *The Lancet* carried a report on honey poisoning in Turkey. Four Turkish doctors have described 23 cases in which patients have been poisoned by honey produced by bees which have been feeding on rhododendrons — particularly *Rhododendrons ponticum*, which is also the common British wild rhododendron, and *Rhododendron flavum*.

Rhododendrons contain grayanotoxins which, in susceptible subjects, can cause slowing of the heart, low blood pressure, nausea, sweating, faintness and double vision. The symptoms come on within 30 minutes of taking the honey and could be induced by between two teaspoonsful to five tablespoonsful of it. Fortunately, most patients are better within six hours, although the ECG (heart tracing) took up to 24 hours to return to normal.

Putting eyes to rights

NEXT week is *Squint Awareness Week*. The orthoptists organising it might seem to be contradicting nanny's advice not to stare at the infirm, but rather they are trying to alert parents to the need for immediate expert advice for any baby who appears to be squinting.

Treatment to correct the imbalance of the eye muscles — which, acting like guy ropes, control the eyeball — may involve wearing spectacles at an early age, but this can save the sight of an affected eye, or the need for surgery. Correcting squints is vision-saving, not merely cosmetic. By six weeks most babies' eyes will follow a moving object, although in some, who later have normal eyes, this control is not achieved until the third month. Any baby older than a couple of months with a squint (a "lazy" or "wandering" eye are merely fond parents' euphemisms) needs expert assessment; a fixed eye at any age is abnormal.

BREATHING SPACE
Cathy MacGowan

Energy in small bites

PEOPLE say that stress is a killer, but it keeps me going. I have a lot of energy, and I can't imagine sitting and watching television, even though it's my job [she is a presenter on BBC's *Newsroom South East*]. My life is my work and my daughter. I never sit down.

When I get up in the morning I can't eat anything. I have at least five cups of tea before I can even see straight. I don't like to talk to people in the morning, either. I start to get a migraine. Makes me sound neurotic, doesn't it?

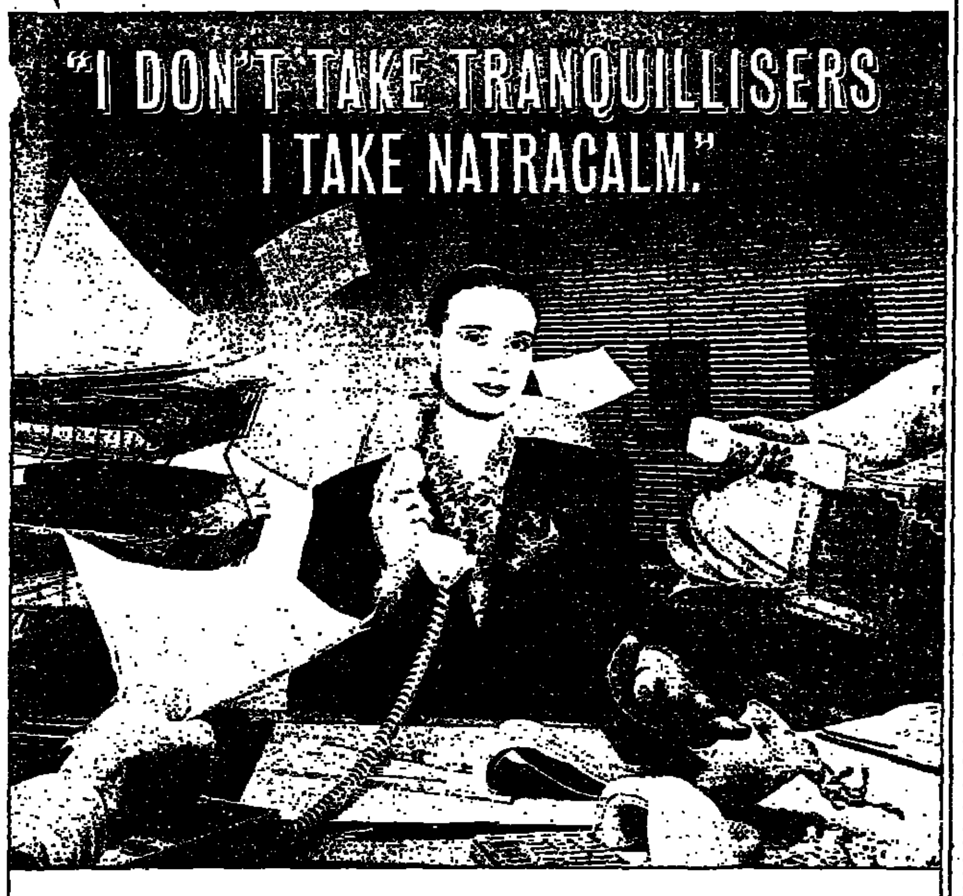
About 11 o'clock, I have a piece of wholemeal toast with marmalade. I can't eat much at lunchtime and if I do, it makes me feel ill. When I'm hungry, which is about 3pm, I have whatever I can grab in the canteen, like banana and Ryvita. About 5pm I'll have fruit or tea. Then in the evening, I can't eat a normal meal, so I'll just have a snack.

I'VE always been thin. I pick at food, but good food. The best person who ever helped me was Elton [John], because he's on a good healthy diet. He's like me, he gets headaches, so small meals are ideal. He made a list of what I could eat, and it really worked. You feel terribly energetic.

I can't drink much alcohol because I had jaundice when I was young and it affects your liver. I hate the taste of it.

I exercise three times a week, just to keep my neck and shoulders relaxed. There is a great door at the BBC you can stretch from. It's the best form of tension release.

Interview by Pamela Nowicka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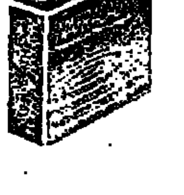

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Lives lived in capital belles-lettres

Penelope Lively looks to London for love, and makes the city her hero. **Philip Howard** is impressed

CHRIS HARRIS

"A sensitive and clever observer of the passing show": Penelope Lively shows her depths, should the reader look

CITY OF THE MIND

By Penelope Lively
André Deutsch, £12.99

London is the mother of stories, from Master Geoffrey Chaucer to Dickens to Ackroyd. It is so old and so strange, so full of layers of memory and buildings and generations, that the full tide of human existence flows through it with dramatic and mythopoeic waves. Here close in the wake of Iain Sinclair's *Downriver*, that turbid but potent flood of tangled Thames stories, comes another novel through which the London River runs as link and symbol. This is a shorter and less muddy fiction than Sinclair's, but it too has hidden depths and dangers and ambiguities. At one level it is an old-fashioned love story, but it is also a story of relationships through time and space as well as between people. Time present and time past are both perhaps present in time future in the multitudinous city of the mind beside the river.

The central figure of contemporary London is a self-made architect in his thirties called Matthew. His marriage has softly and sadly faded away for no obvious reason, leaving an eight-year-old daughter to be taken out and entertained in museums and filled up with Cornettos and loved on tearingly awkward alternate week-ends. As usual, Penelope Lively is sharp at the child's-eye view of the world, from their street-wisdom about buses and other street furniture to their sensitivity to embarrassingly opaque adult moods.

Matthew is shattered by the inexplicable failure of his marriage, and is working on a vast glass erection much like Canary Wharf in Docklands. He is trying to find a new life at the same time as he is building the bravish new London. He is an architect with a conscience and a mind, and a taste for places with historical associations, and he is also restoring a Georgian terrace in what sounds like Bloomsbury. Synchronically in the city Matthew collides with and flies away from other human atoms: the girl with neat wings of hair on each cheek who runs out of money at the sandwich counter, and keeps on vanishing; the ratlike developer of Spitalfields, who sends turds and decomposing rats through the post to recalcitrant architects; his ex-wife (from whom he collects their daughter at weekends) who lives a short mile away across the roofs of London, but is as spiritually remote as if she had stepped out of time and London on to the moon.

But diachronically, other stories are going on in short chapterettes, and colliding and bouncing off the main story. An ARP warden patrols the streets during the height of the Blitz. Frobisher takes his expedition to the North Pole to find gold, and instead brings back an eskimo to London. A Covent Garden beggar girl lies dying of cold and starvation. Richard Owen, the Victorian palaeontologist, studies dinosaur bones at his desk near where the Natural History Museum stands today. These recurrent episodes are not just bunged in for variety, to show off a little allusive and esoteric London knowledge. They are connected through time, as well as by place in the city, in a literary fourth dimension. The skyscraper in the Isle of Dogs is to be called Frobisher House, because Martin Frobisher set sail from a muddy creek in Blackwall by the Thames there. The logo of the development is an engraving of his ship. Things that have happened are always there, so long as someone knows about them.

This is a deceptively short and simple book, of the kind that intellectual snobs (male) call a woman's book. Well, maybe it is, but it is top of that not-to-be-sniffed-at genre, and it has delicate subtleties about metaphysics as well as about relationships. It catches better than has often been expressed before the indestructible freight of association carried by shared objects and paintings, the superstitions of love and memory. In its unobtrusive way the novel is sharply political. The conscienceless property developer called Rutter, with Rottweilers to guard his lair, is an apt incarnation of the spirit of the times, licensed to do what he would by an official creed of economic adventurism.

"From whence" is a solecism and tautology that jars in such an elegant writer as Lively. And the chapter numbers in a big bold script like Burmese without the accents are ridiculously pretentious. Penelope Lively is a sensitive and clever observer of the passing show, particularly as it has to do with falling in love and relationships. This is a neatly structured, thoroughly satisfying novel, which has hidden depths if you care for such things.

A dreadful da
at the office

SCIENCE FICT

Tom Hutchin

DREAM SCIEN
By Thomas Paln
Harvill, £13.99

IT LURCHES into action like slow-motion Kafka, shudders into a night of the living dead, and screeches to a full stop with mass pandemonium. Even in a genre that deals with the extraordinary, this dishes out some philosophically aberrant ideas about the way we perceive reality.

Poole is a Connecticut mutual funds manager, who wakes to find himself very exclusive indeed: at a desk in a doorless office, visited only by another clerk who occasionally punches him rotten just for the hell of it. Hold on, thinks Poole. This isn't right. Whatever happened to my wife, child and ordered, leisured life back in Stamford? It is all, really, a densely detailed variation on the alternative-universes theme, with a plurality of what-ifs, set out with all the calm — and therefore more frightening — deliberation of an inevitable equation. Altogether a most impressive and haunting novel, with the cataclysm of ultimate reality breaking in for its shoot-out conclusion.

● **The State Of The Art**, by Iain M. Banks (*Orbit, £12.95*). As precepts for humans to follow, fables have a remote quality. A comparative newcomer to SF, the author tinges his with a touch of welcome humanity. Here's a story about a homosexual alien, there's another about a creature and its odd attachment to a thing from yet another world. Most impressive of all is the central novel about the Culture organisation reporting back on planet earth: the perverse ways of love affect all the agents. "The State of the Heart" might be a better title. The name of Borges is mentioned in connection with one notion; I can think of no better compliment than to say that it is appropriate.

● **The King Of The Hill**, by Paul J. McAuley (*Gollancz,*
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Sea, sand, sex and foreboding

Sabine Durrant

COROMANDEL SEA CHANGE
By Rumer Godden
Macmillan, £14.99

PLAYING THE GAME
By Ian Buruma
Jonathan Cape, £13.99

THE JOURNEY
By Indira Ganesan
Secker & Warburg, £13.99

Rumer Godden's *Coromandel Sea Change* is set in a peeling but elegant hotel on an imaginary coastline of Southern India. The building has a porticoed entrance, a billiard room, a long veranda fanned by salty breezes and a proprietor, in the shape of the voluminous Auntie Sanni, with the reputation for being "a character". It is the sort of place you would long to spend your holidays, or — if you are *Blaise* and *Mary Brown* — your honeymoon. If you did not know better, that is.

For, despite the spot's indubitable charms, dangers lurk amid the palm trees. And the sea's sapphire glint hides a treacherous undertow and indiscriminate sharks. The beach, we learn, is padlocked at night and swimmers are forbidden from bathing alone or without the protection of a local fisherman's painted wicker helmet. It is the sort of detail Godden is adept at, seeming simply to add to her inventory of descriptive colour, while subtly laying down a foundation of foreboding.

The trouble begins with Mary. Blatantly disappointed by the behaviour of her stiff new husband, she is soon wandering in the sand dunes and meeting young men at night. Before long, she is embroiled with the Root and Flower candidate for the local elections, and abandoning the tourists in the tea room for the pageant of the campaign trail.

There are funny touches en route — many hingeing on the reactions of an American lecture tour to Mary's goings-on — but, with a sense of timelessness reminiscent of E. M. Forster, social comedy slowly spirals into personal tragedy.

Godden shifts neatly between different perspectives, from the motherly hotel owner to her wily, sexually hungry chambermaid, to the husband doggedly sticking to the principle he knows best.

If Godden fails at anything though it is her refusal to leave loose ends dangling — the book is fronted by a cast list of characters, backed by a glossary of difficult words. Mary Browne wishes to capture the essence of India; like her, Godden would have done better to have left some of it hanging in the coffee trees.

It is a person, rather than a plot or place that Ian Buruma is keen to pin down in his first novel, **Playing the Game** — though there are also a lot of stunts in it. The object of the narrator's obsession is the (real-life) legendary Indian cricketer Prince Ranjitsinhji, known as Ranji, who battles for England on the pitch and off. His life and the thorny question of his identity has long occupied the author; this, the result of much research, is a fictional biography, merging known facts about the man with invented encounters and adventures.

The most interesting aspect of the novel is the narrator's meetings with friends of Ranji, his process of reasoning, his puzzlement. In the end, he suspects that Ranji "was perhaps a dream, all dreamed on some midsummer's night long ago". Even so, what emerges from the novel is a straight forward "English" snob, a love of champagne and Fabergé eggs, Savile Row suits and applause from the pavilion. His tragedy may have been that no one took him at face value.

In *The Journey*, another first novel, Indira Ganesan deals not with an assimilation of either western or eastern values, but with an odd coexistence of the two, Renu and Manx Krishnan had spent most of their childhood in an America world of shopping malls and pyjama parties; now on the occasion of their cousin's funeral, they returned to their birthplace, the Indian island of Pi. Here, in the land of holy monkeys and umbrella salesmen, weird experiences and a surreal bunch of relatives await them.

Renu responds to the trauma of it all by going into a trance in the garden; Manx by making out with an American tourist called Freddie. That may sound comic, but the book has the patience to take its characters seriously — an interesting debut.

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FOUR women are linked by their longings and needs across time and space. The connections are both natural and surreal, obvious and subtle. They are not at all credible at the naturalistic level. But, by the quality of her writing, Michèle Roberts suspends disbelief, and **In the Red Kitchen** is a marvellous conjuring trick of a novel.

Each of the main characters tells her own tale. Flora Milk, a young Victorian medium, spares no grim detail as she recounts her rise from poverty to the life of half seer, half charlatan. Hat, queen of Egypt, describes, with the assurance of an absolute monarch her marriage to a god, her own father. Minny speaks, in saccharine tones, of her husband's enthusiasm for the young medium who will restore her lost child. Hattie, a present-day cookery book writer, talks in 20th century style of finding true love and losing a baby. This last narrative is the least original and exciting, but draws one on, as it resonates with the others.

Hattie, we discover, plays an important part in Flora's past, as well as her future. When she steps into her basement she finds it transformed to a Victorian kitchen, and hears crying. The book's teasing paradoxes fit like a jigsaw and, at the deepest level, give great force to the themes of the child's need for love, the sexual tension between daughters and fathers, and the need of women and men for each other in a way that transcends sex.

In the Red Kitchen is even more startling as a tour de force than Roberts's earlier **The Wild Girl**, in which Mary Magdalene tells her side of the Christ story. Roberts is wonderful at describing exalted states of mind, whether religious or sexual or, as here, both at once. The story of Mary's growing, reciprocated love for Christ is compelling. So are the accounts of events, such as the miracle of the loaves and fishes, already familiar from the Gospels. But, for the reader not specially gripped by theology, parts of the novel go slowly. Roberts constructs a feminist creed in which the merging of the male and female principles is of primary importance.

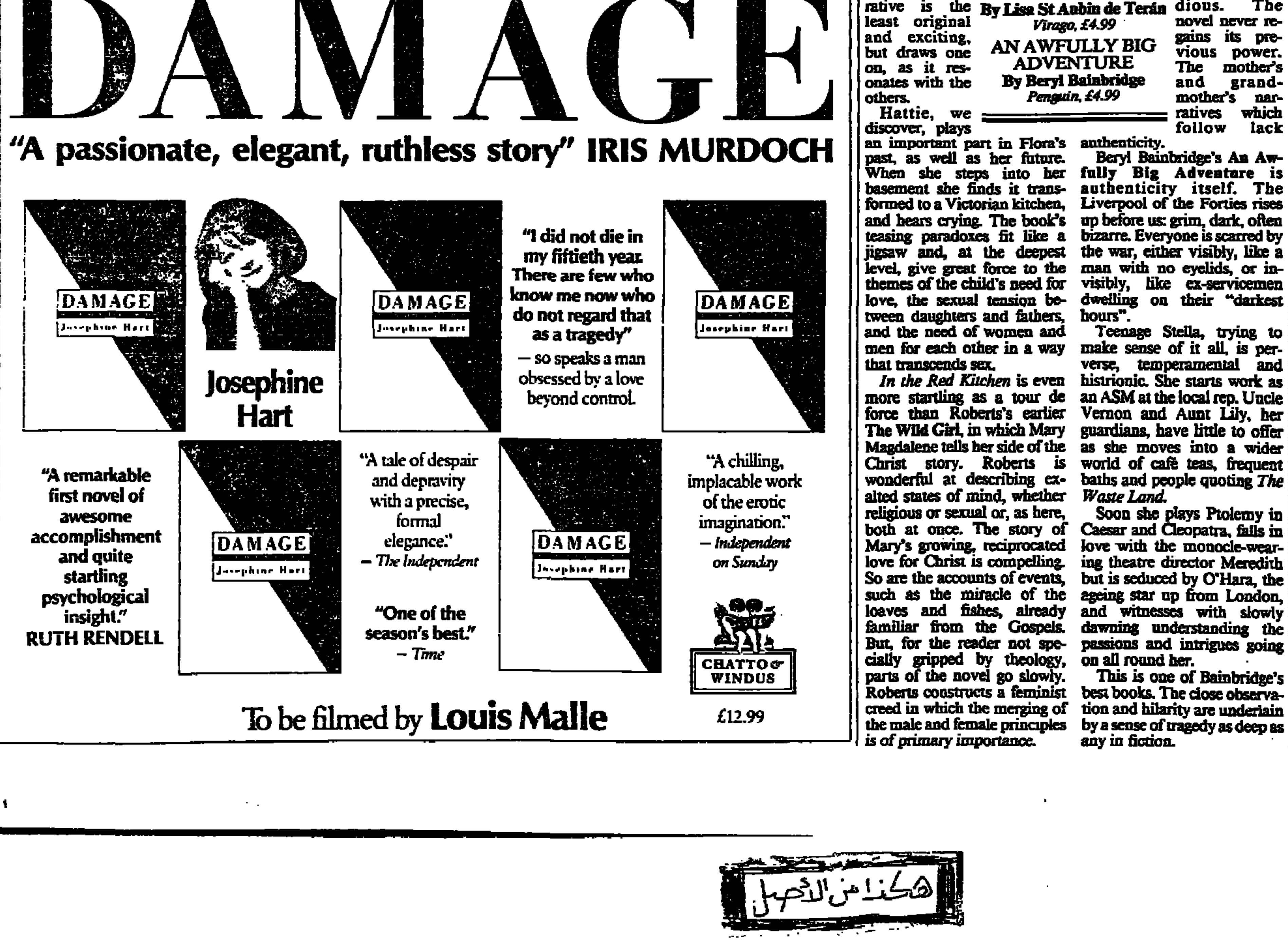
One of Roberts's greatest strengths — creating different narrative voices — is conspicuously lacking in *Lisa St Aubin de Téran*'s **Joanna**. As a result a novel that starts promisingly is, in the end, disappointing. The first section, narrated by Joanna herself, describes with dreadful plausibility a hair-raising Thirties childhood with a cruel, hating mother. This parent, blessed with a tiny, perfect figure, beats the girl up as well as screaming abuse at her. Eventually she sends her to a convent run by German nuns who make the pupils give the Nazi salute with their hockey sticks. Joanna survives, to lead a Fitzrovian life with numerous lovers and husbands. The tension here plummets. The self-admiring, breathless account of a life in which the narrator's "headlong escapades amused our crowd" is tedious. The novel never regains its previous power. The mother's and grandmother's narratives which follow lack authenticity.

Beryl Bainbridge's **An Awfully Big Adventure** is authenticity itself. The Liverpool of the Forties rises up before us: grim, dark, often bizarre. Everyone is scarred by the war, either visibly, like a man with no eyelids, or invisibly, like ex-servicemen dwelling on their "darkest hours".

Teenage Stella, trying to make sense of it all, is perverse, temperamental and histrionic. She starts work as an ASM at the local rep. Uncle Vernon and Aunt Lily, her guardians, have little to offer as she moves into a wider world of café teas, frequent baths and people quoting *The Waste Land*.

Soon she plays Ptolemy in Caesar and Cleopatra, falls in love with the monocle-wearing theatre director Meredith but is seduced by O'Hara, the ageing star up from London, and witnesses with slowly dawning understanding the passions and intrigues going on all round her.

This is one of Bainbridge's best books. The close observation and hilarity are underlain by a sense of tragedy as deep as any in fiction.



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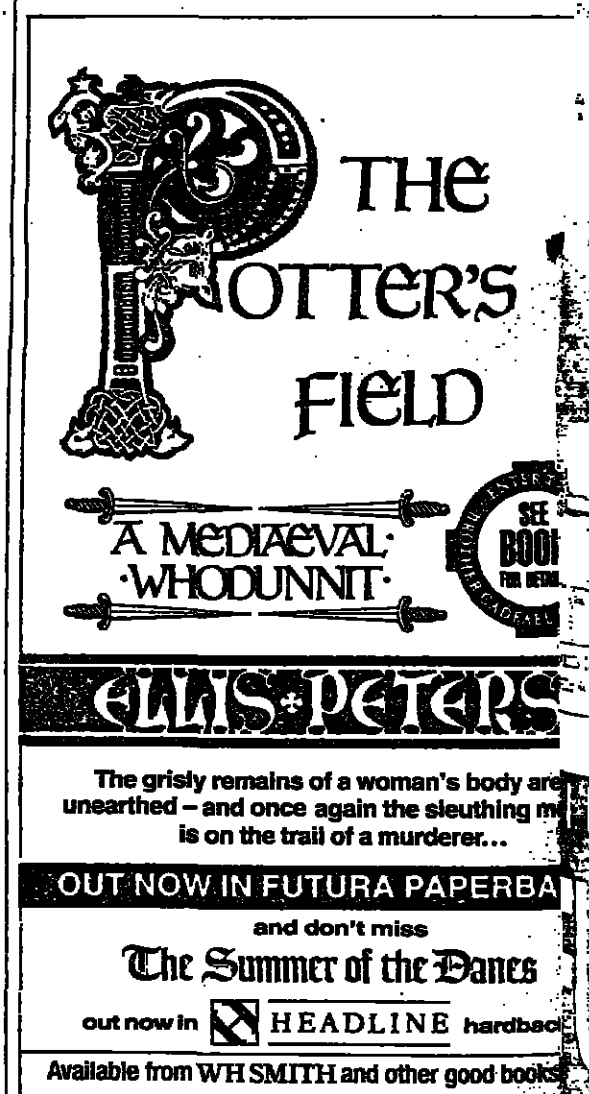

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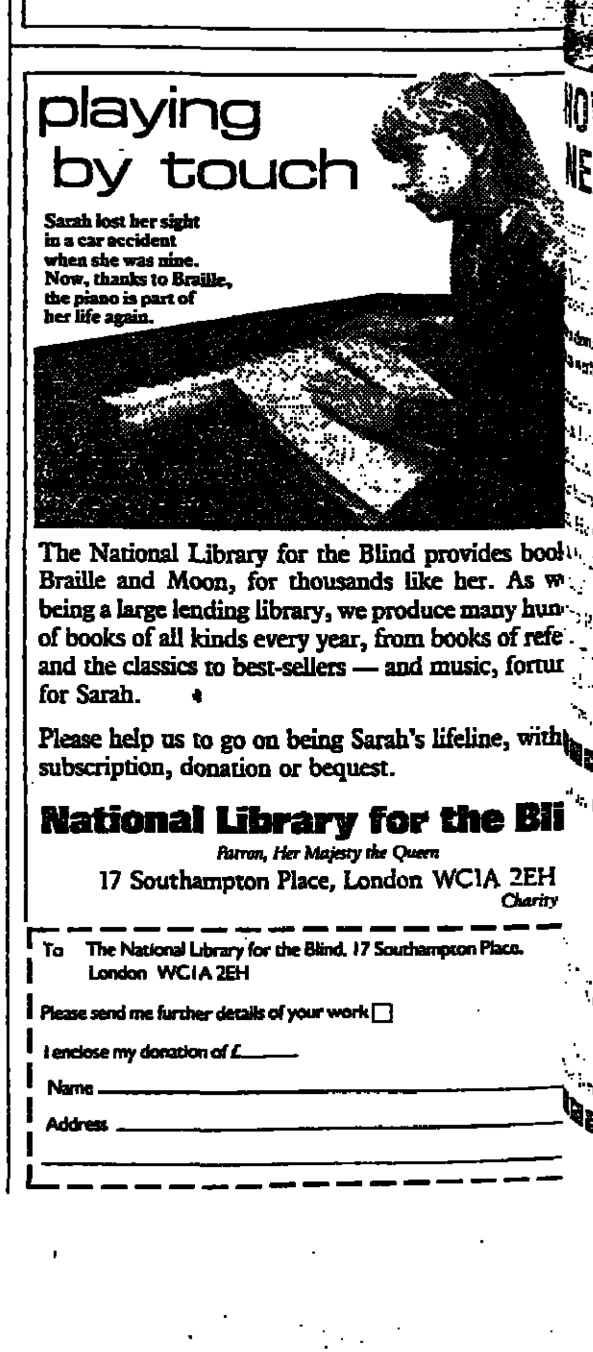

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rican release, people panted for Brian DePalma's **The Bonfire of the Vanities** (15, Warner West End). Few recent novels, after all, hit the headlines like Tom Wolfe's excoriation of New York's greedy Eighties. The stars spelled class and box-office power: Tom Hanks as Wall Street whizz-kid Sherman McCoy, thrown to the jackals after a car mishap in the Bronx; Melanie Griffith as his mistress Maria; Bruce Willis as the sodden journalist rising to fame on the back of McCoy's fall. The director talked of matching the satirical sweep of Kubrick's *Lolita* or *Dr Strangelove*, and DePalma's budget could make any dreams come true. Then the film opened. "A pilot light of the inanities", fumed the *Washington Post*, "a failure of epic proportions".

Though the assaults seem exaggerated, the film certainly misfires. Tom Hanks was encouraged to turn his Wall Street "Master of the Universe" into a lightweight pretender, muffling the savagery of the character's fate. The role of the reporter Peter Fallow was pumped up and Americanised: it may suit Bruce Willis, but it does not suit the story. DePalma's excited, wide-angled camera style, an attempt, possibly, to match Wolfe's exclamation marks and feverish dialogue, proves another liability. At first, we applaud the virtuosity; then eye fatigue sets in.

Provided that you shut off your mind and coast along with the suspense mechanisms, the story just about holds

DePalma's chief mistake, though, was in pitching Wolfe's dark fable at the level of a cartoon-like comedy. Fringe amusements may raise smiles (Saul Rubinek's bumbling prosecutor Kramer; André Gregory's prattling poet), but the larger set-pieces wilt through lack of venom. Piled high with gloss and Hollywood compromises, *The Bonfire of the Vanities* too rarely flickers into flame.

Did I hear aright? Did George Sand cry "Balls"? She did, she did; though what can you expect when the lady is played by Judy Davis, incarnation of Australian spirit. **Impromptu** (12, Cannons Shaftesbury Avenue and Chelsea) — cinema's latest rendition of the Sand-Chopin romance — lets fresh air into the stuffy genre of historical biography. Where the 1946 *A Song to Remember* was unintentionally funny, this film cracks jokes deliberately.

Sarah Kernochan's script aims wicked darts at the absurd antics of the bohemians and lovers prancing through 19th-century France. Aside from a soulful Chopin (or, in Judy Davis's pronunciation, "Showpann") the roll-call includes Liszt pounding the ivories, de Musset hitting the bottle, Delacroix daubing lurid canvases, and the ragingly jealous Mallefille, the Sand children's tutor ("I wish he'd fall off the map," Sand mutters). On the whole, they are good company.

The director — making an esoteric cinema debut — is James Lapine, award-winning librettist and stage director of Sondheim's *Sunday In the Park with George* and *Into the Woods*. At times the comedy is over-loud, while the camera trades some visual elegance by peering too closely at the players; but Kernochan's amusing lines keep the film bouncing back.

Neil Jordan strayed so far from his origins in his last two films that one began to wonder if we would ever meet the imaginative director of *Angel* again. **The Miracle** (15, Curzon West End) at least makes a start on the return journey. We are back in Ireland, in a bland seaside resort just south of Dublin. The script is Jordan's own; the budget is modest.

In place of big names, *The Miracle* offers two refreshing teenage discoveries, Niall Byrne and Lorraine Pilkington. Their characters, Jimmy and Rose, mooch around one hot summer, spinning stories about passers-by. Once a luscious American (Beverly D'Angelo) hoves into view, Jimmy's sexual fantasies take flight. The lady — starring in a visiting stage musical — responds with a warmth that Jimmy misinterprets. Unknown to him, but not to the audience, she is — oh yawn! — the boy's long-lost mother.

Jordan orchestrates the old Oedipal dance with bizarre images poised on the edge of symbols. A seaside circus proves crucial here. Close-ups focus on pacing caged animals and an elephant's eye — an absurd button in a sea of wrinkled grey. Yet such shots prove just fancy icing on an increasingly inedible cake, with improbabilities stretched too far.

At least Jordan was spared the dismal dialogue of Russell Mulcahy's **Highlander II — The Quickening** (15, Odeon West End). Anyone who failed to see the original fantasy about a time-travelling hero facing adversaries from the planet Zeist will be totally confused. Those who did may still be perplexed as time and place perform a nervous jig before settling down in a 21st century cowering under the vanishing ozone layer. Sean Connery, as before, briefly injects humour as hero Christopher Lambert's mentor; but genial moments are swiftly swamped by special effects trumpery and mindless action.

Two footnotes. The **Museum of London** has now launched its spring collection of vintage British cinema from the National Film Archive, with shows every Tuesdays and Thursdays; tonight's offering is Muriel Box's Festival of Britain comedy, *The Happy Family*. Admission is now £2, but the Museum still represents the best value in town. Finally: in the heat of the Oscars, a fortnight ago, I mentioned Volker Schlöndorff as the director of *Reversal of Fortune* when I knew very well it was Barbet Schroeder. My apologies to both.

Caricature and puppet? Julia Roberts and Patrick Bergin in *Sleeping With the Enemy*

DES JENSON

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ROCK: INTERVIEW

Engineering ideas and ideals on a sound basis

Gary Clail, self-styled 'preacher' of the dance clubs, talks to **David Sinclair**

You name it, Gary Clail has sold it: brass bath taps, antiques, advertising space in the *Daily Mirror*, second-hand BMWs. His passport gives his occupation as "bricklayer". Now 31, and after a lifetime of ducking and diving, he is enjoying his first hit single, "Human Nature", which sailed up to No. 12 in this week's chart.

One of the new breed of performing sound engineers, Clail is the first to admit that he cannot sing a note, and when asked for a more current job description he suggests "preacher". The central motif of "Human Nature" is his echo-laden incantation of a question which he borrowed from a speech by the evangelist Billy Graham: "What is it in the nature of man that makes us hate and cheat and steal and kill?"

Clail does not profess to know the answer, but his music is fuelled with righteous indignation at the inequities of life and by a passionate regard for a predictable range of causes: care for the environment, racial harmony, eradication of poverty, an end to war and so forth.

His idealistic stance is unusual in the club music scene which has nurtured him. "Most of the house music that I've heard is about sex and taking drugs," says Clail, disapprovingly. "And most of the rappers are giving out a message which says: Just be tough, just be violent, look after number one and you'll be alright. I wanted to turn that around and put out a record that people could dance to, but which would also stimulate some serious questioning about life."

A man after John Major's heart, Clail left school with no qualifications. Brought up in Bristol, initially in a predominantly black area, and then in the high-rise council flats of Barton Hill, he saw people drift into a life of drug dealing, petty crime and the dole. "I couldn't tolerate it. I couldn't be part of it. I couldn't live my life like that."

In search of something better, Clail drifted to London, where he became part of the On-U Sound collective. This extraordinary organisation is a loose aggregate of 30 or so musicians including African Head Charge, the Barmy Army, Lee "Scratch" Perry and Tackhead. Its founder and mentor, Adrian Sherwood, is a producer and dub mixer whose roots are in reggae, but touches all facets of modern dance music culture. As a staunch senior member of this organisation, Clail insists that he is just "one piece of a jigsaw".

The entire On-U Sound organisation, which has released something in the order of 50 albums, takes to the road for the first time on Saturday. Clail, who has obviously become the star attraction, insists that he will be paid less than some of the other acts.

"I'm getting £50 a night, but the Akabu girls, who are not known, are actually getting quite good wages. That's because they've got kids and they haven't got a record deal. It seems right to us. And don't forget, once this tour is over, I've got two gigs on my own at which I'll probably clear £10,000. So I can't complain."

This is such brave idealism that even the persuasive tones of Clail's soft West Country burr and the blue eyes so full of mission are not enough to stave off doubts about its viability as a lasting arrangement.

"I don't suppose I'll be doing this in a year's time, anyway," says Clail. "I started off in tiny little clubs, now I've played at Wembley Arena [supporting Happy Mondays] and I'm on *Top of the Pops*. I don't perform on stage. I don't dance. I've got my mixing desk in front of me, a rack of tapes, a box of cassettes and my computers at the side. It's like a little office. Basically I'm doing a party for my mates in my front room. But I'm getting 2,000 people at some of these gigs, all staring at me and analysing what I'm doing."

● *The On-U Sound "Pay it all Back" tour featuring Gary Clail begins at Town & Country, London NW5 on April 13* and *14*

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Lynne Truss on *Sleepers* and *A Murder of Quality*

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Milcho Leviev Quartet: Blues For The Fisherman & True Blues (Mole Cas1/5)
(cassette only)

NOW that vinyl is virtually obsolete, the children of the Sixties are gripped by a curious nostalgia for the stuff. Responding to the mood, Fontana has issued two limited edition, boxed sets of singles (12 in each box) from the label's "classic" period (roughly 1966-1969).

Apart from providing a timely reminder of how tedious it was having to change records every three minutes, the collection also draws attention to how often myth is preferable to reality. Celebrated rarities such as "I'm the Face" by the High Numbers (later the Who), "She Just Satisfies" by Jimmy Page (later of Led Zeppelin) and "Come Back Baby" by Bluesology (featuring Reg Dwight, aka Elton John) are rare for a good reason. They were naff records. And how many of the hits from that era are better forgotten? Certainly there are the Mindbenders' dirge "A Groovy Kind of Love" and Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich's "The Legend of Xanadu".

But the collections house moments of unlikely magic. "From the Underworld" by the Herd, "Sorrow" by the Merseys and a fabulous Spencer Davis Group workout, lazily titled "Blues in F", languishing on the B-side of "Gimme Some Loving" are among the sharpest of these aural snapshots of an era that refuses to fade away.

DAVID SINCLAIR

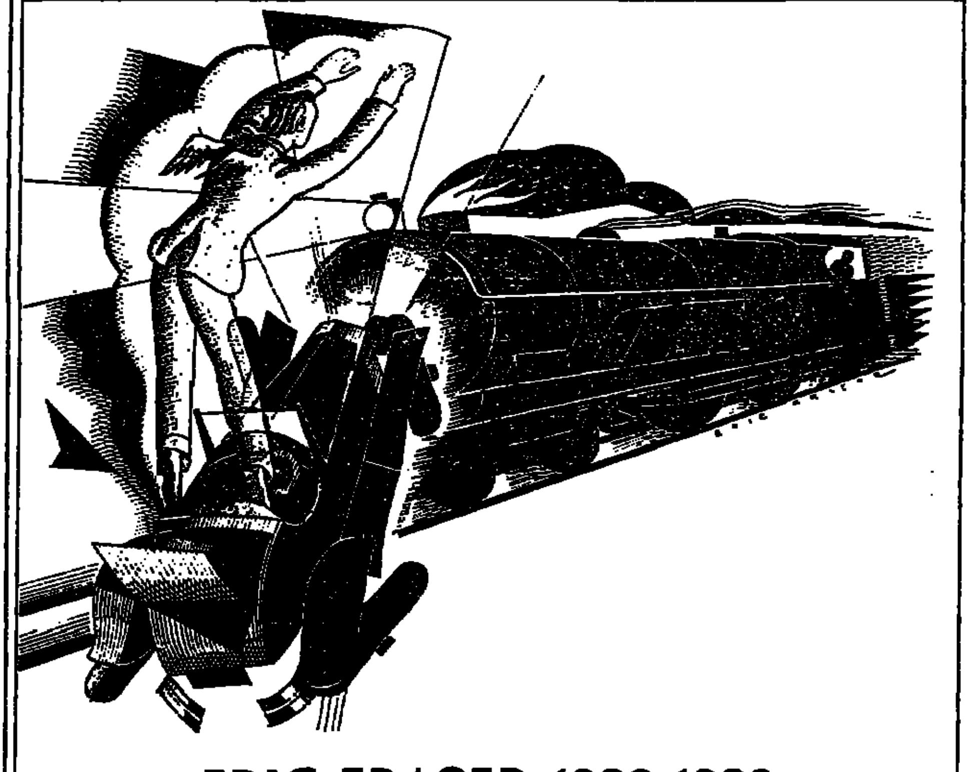
NOT many years have passed since alto-saxophonist Frank Morgan was an inmate of the United States penal system. Drug abuse and petty crime threatened to ruin a career that began so promisingly in the Fifties.

A Lovesome Thing shows him settling ever more gracefully into his new role as an elder statesman. What marks him out from his contemporaries is the fragility that lies beneath the virtuoso phrasing. He can be as slick as any of the dozens of Charlie Parker imitators, but he is at his most imposing when he turns his back on the bebop speed tests.

There is an endearing air of innocence about the way he opens this album, tip-toeing into a two-minute chorus of "When You Wish Upon a Star". Then, just in case anyone doubts his credentials as a modernist, he delivers an assured version of Wayne Shorter's "Footprints", the front line duties shared with Roy Hargrove. The young trumpeter makes a solid contribution to two other tracks, while the idiosyncratic Abbey Lincoln sings and mewls "Ten Cents a Dance" and her own composition "Wholey Earth".

During one of his spells in prison, Morgan played alongside his fellow-convict and fellow-altoist Art Pepper, who made his own comeback towards the end of his life. The Mole re-issue — under the name of the pianist Milcho Leviev — is from Ronnie Scott's in 1980. Pepper had two years to live. A gut-wrenching display, the music forms a fitting companion piece to the roughly contemporary film, *Notes From a Jazz Survivor*.

CLIVE DAVIS



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Never talk sweet to a stranger

Would-be celebrities who chat to journalists, wake up, skim the morning papers and discover that they have become just a little more celebrated than they had planned have a habit of complaining that they have been "stitched up". They rarely acknowledge that they provided the needle and thread.

I am not talking about journalists who quote something spicy they have gleaned from a friend of a friend of the Princess of Wales. I am talking about journalists who are invited to someone's home for the chance to get a long, cosy look at the subject. They do not break down the door. They are invited in. Many are begged. Why do grown people, many of whom should know much better, do it?

The latest moaner is the golfer Nick Faldo. Many interviewees, when they see their words in print, cannot believe they speak so inelegantly and with so little anecdotal spark. The wise (or cruel?) interviewer is always ready to play back a tape and to wait for the inevitable "Well I said it, but that's not what I meant."

What exactly does someone like Nick Faldo mean? His pushy personal agent, worried that his client was rated in America as a cracking golfer but not a cuddly one, arranged for a reporter from *Sports Illustrated* — a pukkah sports magazine — to spend a week with Faldo in Australia. The interview has just been published in America and done for 19th-hole chit-chat what Kitty Kelley's biography of Nancy Reagan is doing for Georgetown dinner parties.

Sports Illustrated was hardly snooping on Faldo, who, in the course of a week, made several unflattering remarks about his top rivals. He questioned the proficiency of Paul Azinger — "bad technique" — and of Greg Norman — "his swing . . . it's way too loose" — Payne Stewart's dress sense and the demeanour of Curtis Strange. Faldo, reaching for the thesaurus of aggrieved interviewees, said: "This is going to cause me embarrassment. And I can do without it. I'll just tell the guys 'Sorry, but I've been stitched up.'"

What did Faldo and his agent think they were doing inviting a journalist to spend seven days as his Siamese twin? After a week of such intimacy most married couples would learn enough about each other to demand divorce. *Sports Illustrated* was not writing a book, just a magazine article. Faldo only had to make a couple of unguarded comments every 24 hours to make his new companion's trip to Australia worthwhile. As it was, Faldo could not bear to read more than the first paragraph of the piece, which began: "Why does Nick Faldo have to be like this? Why does he have to be this mechanical man with the wrinkle-proof sweater and the smile-proof mouth ? What is it that makes him want to be the world's most impeccable grouch? . . . Every time Faldo says 'nice shot' to somebody, they put up another pyramid in Egypt."

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Ridley: 'I deeply resent the journal's assertion . . . . I do not hold that view'

Davis: 'I was never quite as frank about Nancy as Kitty Kelley quotes me'

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Oh dear, Nick, join the queue and pass the thesaurus. Ian Botham has already thumbed through it. Several times. So has Nicholas Ridley, after being hurtful about Helmut in an interview with *The Spectator*. "I deeply resent the journal's assertion that I associate present day Germany with the aggression of the past," he whined. "I don't hold that view." Patti Davis, the Reagans' talkative daughter, is convinced she was never quite as talkative about Nancy as Kitty Kelley quotes her as being in her the new book. And Richard Adams, the author of Watership *Down*, hops like a bunny-rabbit at the mention of the press. "You wouldn't believe how malevolent the press are," he says. "They've really got it in for me. I've asked again and again why that should be." Has it occurred to him that if he didn't invite tart interviewers to his house, they would not have any of his remarks with which to flail him?

Sir Yehudi Menuhin got the biggest birthday surprise of all when Tony Palmer, who had been given open access to the Menuhin family to produce a glowing film and biography to celebrate Sir Yehudi's 75th birthday, delivered less glow than expected: the violinist's mother came across as a tyrant, his second wife as a dragon, and Menuhin as a poor father who chased fame at the cost of his family. Menuhin said afterwards: "I was sick about it because I had given Tony Palmer such complete trust . . . He transformed the whole thing into something of his own imagination."

And what did Viscount Althorp think he was doing when he rushed to spill the beans to Nigel Dempster, the *Daily Mail* columnist, after hearing that a rival newspaper was about to expose his adulterous fling with an old flame? Who advises thes

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Sacrificed to cynicism

Conor Cruise O'Brien

With its cool response to Mr Major's Kurdish haven initiative, Washington has shown that its prime consideration is the preservation of "a strong Iraq", meaning in practice a strong Iraqi army. If Saddam chooses to use that army to oppress the people of Iraq, that is the price that must be paid.

What lies behind the American thinking? It usually goes by a foreign name: *realpolitik* or *raison d'état*. Both have unfavourable connotations. *Realpolitik* suggests Teutonic brutality; *raison d'état*, Gallic cynicism.

We tend to use these terms when we oppose the policies at issue. But what are we to say when we are engaged in such thinking ourselves, or supporting those who think this way? Those foreign words are of no service at all, now.

It was only this week, while taking part in a Radio 4 programme devoted to the Kurds, that I discovered the correct English expression for *realpolitik*, when one is defending a blatant example. One panellist deplored what he called "snide remarks about *realpolitik*". We should be talking instead, he said, about "the art of the possible".

So that's it. The English for *realpolitik* is "the art of the possible". And it is indeed a most serviceable euphemism, one that disarms all criticism. Critics of such a policy are by definition asking for the impossible; they are ignoramuses crying for the moon. By contrast, the "art of the possible" position is by definition impregnable. Since one cannot (for example) help the Kurds — for it is beyond the limits of the possible — one cannot be blamed for whatever may happen to them. That's just how the world is.

The word "art" is also important. All arts are difficult; they have to be mastered. Those who have mastered "the art of the possible" must be formidable fellows. We should defer to them instead of bothering them with our vulgar, immature and sentimental ideas. We should try to realise, that we are being *impossible*.

That little phrase is a wonderfully comprehensive put-down. However, I have met quite a few of these artists of the possible. I have found them on the whole (to use a Burkean phrase) "persons of narrow temper and confined views". They are given to collective *idées fixes* as determined by their allegiances, such as "a strong Iraq". For them "the art of the possible" does not consist of surveying a range of possibilities and trying to encourage the more desirable ones, while discouraging the less desirable.

Anyone who thought along those lines would be thinking at present — as Mr Major rightly appears to be thinking — about how to stop Saddam massacring the Kurds, while at the same time preventing Iraq from breaking up. But the artists of the possible will have none of that. They are "either . . . or" people. They can discern only one possibility at a time, and only one impossible alternative. It is possible to allow Kurds to be massacred. It is impossible to allow Iraq to break up. And there is nothing in between.

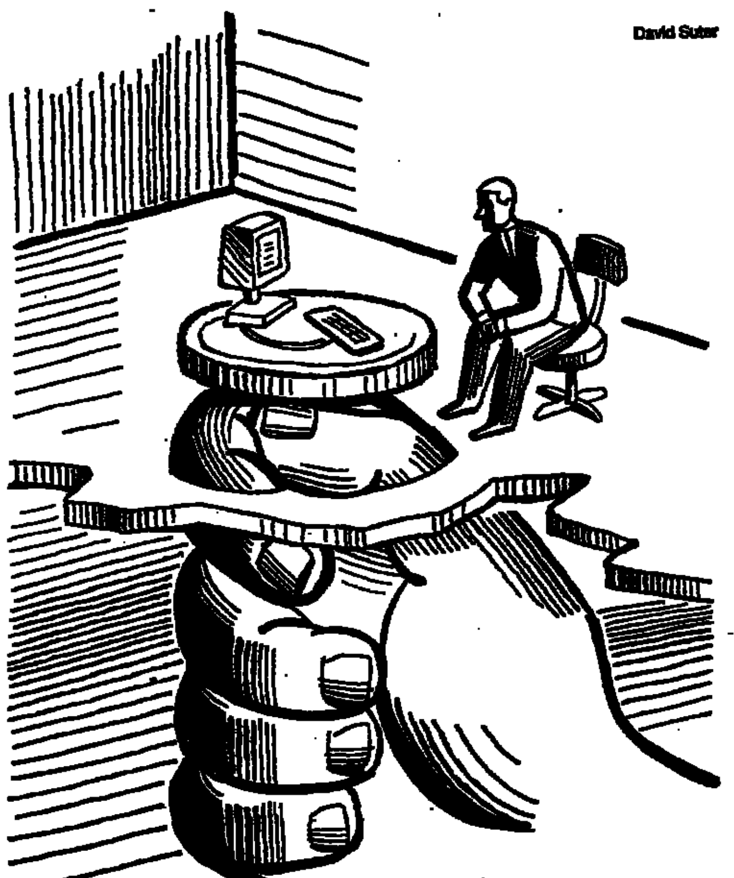
That is the form of "art of the possible" now in the ascendant. It may be that public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic will bring a change, but against that there is the strong momentum of the desire to bring the boys home.

The best opportunity of getting rid of Saddam was deliberately missed at the time of the cessation of hostilities. It is far more difficult now. It is cynical, but probably true, to say that nothing can now save the Kurds except perhaps the prospect of the American congressional elections in November next year. If the pollsters report that the fate of the Kurds may damage Republican contenders, policy towards Iraq might well be reviewed.

Domestic *realpolitik* has a way, sometimes, of casting out international *realpolitik*. But for the present, the living people of Iraq are being sacrificed to the abstract Moloch-notion of "a strong Iraq".

Bernard Levin on the currency cupidity that cost shareholders millions

The buck that failed to stop


David Suter

I don't want to seem greedy, but I could do with a couple of hundred million quid if anybody is throwing the stuff about. And oddly enough they *are* throwing it about, in just such quantities.

Did you ever hear the like of what somebody in Allied Lyons (the food and drinks conglomerate) has been getting up to? A leading figure in the firm's money department thought up a tremendous wheeze, based on the buying and selling of enormous sums of foreign currency. The manoeuvres came under the heading of "Put and Call Options": the "put" bit refers to a person being *put* in a padded cell, the "call" is when the boss runs out of names to *call* the man responsible for the cock-up, and the "options" are a revolver or a 34th-floor window.

So much for the glossary; now for the wheeze. The charlie who had his hands on the ready made a stab (perhaps he tossed a coin, possibly he cut a pack of cards) at what would happen to the relative fortunes of the pound and the dollar. He was of the opinion that the dollar would stay where it was or decline, and he backed his opinion with — deep breaths now — something around a hundred million jimmy-o'goblins.

Had his hunch been well-founded, the result could have been a mighty profit; unfortunately, it was a mighty stumer, for the dollar rose to heights hitherto undreamt of, at least by our friend butterfingers. The result was the shortfall aforesaid.

When the news got back to head office, a plan was immediately devised by the best brains in the company, together with the no less excellent ones in NatWest Bank. Unfortunately, the rescue was not a total success, because the upshot was a loss of some £50 million more. Meanwhile, the man in charge of the department in which the malarky was going on, who knew nothing about it until it came up and hit him with a sockful of sand, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by Allied Lyons "with great regret". I do not want to rub salt in still bleeding wounds, but if I had been in charge I would have accepted the resignation of the men who were actually tossing the money about not with regret but with cries of joy and a widespread distribution of ale. Mind, it is clear that no law was broken; nothing but stupidity was to blame. But there must have been an ample supply of that about.

Now let us shift the action a little further, still in company with NatWest. Here is a piteous story concerning that bank's wholly-owned American subsidiary, National Westminster Bancorp, wherefrom a high official has just resigned, after a couple of hundred million slipped out of NatWest's prettiest piggy-bank in the wake of the Donald Trump débâcle. It seems that even when cries of glug-glug-glug could be heard miles away, NatWest Bancorp was lending Trump another 50 million smackers. (Shrewd folk, bankers; wouldn't give you a loan to build a rabbit-hutch without collateral, and quite right too.) Yet again, nothing was done outside the law; nobody was syphoning off the moolah, and every lost cent had been polished with Brasso before it went belly-up.

We haven't finished; what about ITN? One morning, a few weeks ago, the auditors were having a look at the books, when they found — or rather did not find — £9,800,000 that had gone missing. Once more, there were no sticky fingers; nothing but a widespread inability to multiply, say, 17 by 23 in five goes, or in three with a pocket calculator. ("Heads may roll" said one newspaper, but it seems that these do not include that of the chairman, Sir David Nicholas, who was prompt to point out that he would not be resigning.)

"Hang out your banners on the outward walls; the cry is still 'They come'!" Next is Eagle Star, the insurers; writs are flying about like bats at twilight, so I must be cautious, but the reality of the business is that Eagle Star went into the property guarantee business in a very large way: so large, indeed, that they finished up £280 million out of pocket. And I could extend the catalogue without difficulty if I returned to the subject of the hundreds of millions the banks have drowned. (What a dainty expression they use in the balance-sheets: "Provision for bad debts". How about "Provision for hitting over the head with a concrete fence-post the idiots who lent the money in the first place"?)

What is the matter with these high-powered geniuses of finance? Possibly they are all just no good, though if that is so, how did they get where they are? I am no conspiracy addict, but I think I can trace a faintly drawn connection among many of these disaster-prone money-losers. Think of the man who speculated in currency; match him with the first-aid set provided by his rescuers which only made his problem worse; make a space for the Eagle Star's dabbling in property-m
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CLEMENT FREUD

My guide book said that "the reputation for thieving is unfortunately justified". "Do not take with you anything that is at all valuable," wrote my travel agent. A friend who had been there — and came back, albeit sans this and that — explained that there was minimal violence, hardly any thuggery; the crimes were committed by stealth: a backpack razor-slashed and while you separated the fallen billy-can from your toothbrush, the helpful crowd picked your pocket. Travel light. Be prepared to *lose all you take*. Xerox your passport and your return ticket and keep them in your shoe. Distribute money around your person so that no one can empty one pocket and hit the jackpot. Solid luggage is best.

I once had an aluminium suitcase: it went to Malta when I went to Gibraltar, and when it failed to return the airline paid me what it had cost. I never replaced it. I'm sorry now.

I went to a survival shop in Covent Garden to purchase a body-belt, which you may think a straightforward exercise.

One body-belt.

That will be £6.99.

Thank you.

Thank *you*.

It is not like that. There are sleek beige body-belts and baggy blue ones that would sit snugly beneath the shoulders of a hunchback but hardly anywhere else. There are canvas pockets to strap around wrist or ankle and there is a bakelite navel-protecting pouch with straps that hang down your trouser leg unless your knots are better than mine. I bought three. As instructed, none was valuable. I quite hope some will be taken.

When I got home from the shop I made a list of what I needed, gathered the stuff together and examined each item against signs of overt wealth: pants, hanks, socks, and my old trousers passed with honours. I packed my shortwave radio even though it was (a) expensive and (b) too large for any of my body-belts; I am not prepared to forgo the World Service, but if they get my Walkman with the "Get by in Spanish" tape, I shall have the last laugh. It has a seriously faulty volume control. I am hanging on to my watch, would not feel the same with a cheapo, though I am glad I did not renew the strap.

When I knew I was going to South America I bought a sleeping bag: large and cuddly, filled with goose feathers or possibly duck liver, certainly something soft, rare and expensive. I saw it in the window of a shop by Euston Station with a "special offer £29.99" sign.

"How compact is it?" I asked the assistant. He said if compactness was my aim, I should look at this one, and he folded a voluminous yellow and black quilt into the shape of a mortadella sausage, then compressed it to fit a silken container the size of a child's tricycle saddle-bag. How about that, he said, panting from his exertion. I mumbled "Very impressive," and he explained that this one was not actually "on offer" but "a pinch at £83". I bought it. I shall not take it with me, not now I know the odds.

I am taking binoculars; I seem to have acquired many extra pairs through going racing abroad unexpectedly. I could do with losing some of those. I hope to retain my lip-salves, sunscreen creams, mosquito powders and a first aid kit, also pills called Imodium to make my tummy better and Codis against pain. These have been distributed among my body-belts, wrist-straps and sock-bags, interlaced between further Xerox pages of my passport and airline ticket and such $50 notes as are not Sellotaped in my shoe.

My daughter Emma bought me a Swiss army knife with a small metal ring at one end through which a wire fixed around my knee can be engaged to ensure its safety. If my knife goes, so does my right leg. She talked me through the three blades, one of which is exceptionally sharp and should be used only for surgery, the two can-openers, scissors, corkscrew, hook for straightening bent wire, removable tweezers and toothpick.

I have yet to decide where to keep the originals of my most desirable documents. My guide book says: "Always have your passport handy when travelling in the country as it is essential to provide official documentation when going to police stations to report thefts." I might just keep it in my jacket pocket. That should fool them.

Charles strikes a wrong chord

Already agitated by plans to build a new access road, residents of the cathedral close at Salisbury are disturbed to learn that the Prince of Wales is planning an open-air pop concert on the West Lawn. Residents of the celebrated close, including the Bishop of Salisbury, are irritated not to have been told about the concert, which is to raise money for the cathedral spire appeal.

Permission for the televised concert, complete with fireworks and a pyrotechnic laser show, was given by the dean and chapter. It will be staged in September in the close, which was painted by both Constable and Turner. Special stands will be erected for the estimated audience of 9,500. Both the prince, who is president of the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Trust, and the Princess of Wales will attend. With the prince's favourite pop singer, Phil Collins, topping the bill, and tickets costing up to £100 each, the concert is expected to raise up to £1 million. There is also speculation that a leading opera singer — Pavarotti, Domingo and Carreras have all been mentioned — will take part.

The appeal office has been sworn to secrecy until an official announcement from Buckingham Palace next Tuesday. But residents are far from happy at the intrusion. John Cordle, a former Tory MP who lives in a 12-bedroom house in the close, says: "It doesn't sound the sort of thing we should have here. It's astonishing that none of us was told anything earlier. We should have been consulted."

Jill Baker, wife of the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev John Baker, who is leading the anti-road protest, is not impressed either. "Many residents of the close, including me, will have a day out."

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Sensitive to accusations that its city centre is a concrete jungle, the ruling Labour group on Birmingham city council was determined to provide some greenery for the city's new £160 million international convention centre. The architects advised that fig trees were just the thing to add a touch of colour, and two council officials were sent to Belgium to collect six 10ft specimens. The cost of the exercise, it now transpires, was £50,000.*

Tarzan's iron grip

With the government refusing to bail out London Zoo even before today's meeting of environment department and zoo officials, the man who holds the purse strings, Michael Heseltine, could be forgiven for having divided loyalties.

Heseltine, who was planting an acorn tree at the zoo on the day Mrs Thatcher resigned, knows more than most about the Zoological Society's financial problems. Until he returned to the government in November, he was a director of Zoo Operations, the company set up to manage the zoo. He was also vice-president of the zoo's ruling council in 1988, the year that Nicholas Ridley, then at the DoE, made a one-off payment to the zoo of £10 million. Heseltine has still not severed all his links, and remains a Fellow of the Zoological Society.

A zoo spokesman said: "He resigned from our board because of the conflict of interest with his role as secretary of state, as he is effectively our landlord. It was not because he knew there was going to be this hoo-ha."

Cawley flowers

More than 40 years after leaving his ancestral home because of punishing death duties, Lord Cawley is returning to his roots. He has agreed to be a garden guide at his former home, Berrington Hall in Herefordshire, which is now owned by the National Trust. Next month he will lead a "Plantsman's Tour" for 24 gardening enthusiasts, who will each pay £5 for the privilege of listening to him.

Cawley, 77, has kept a close watch on the house. He lives only four miles away at Bircher Hall, where he settled with his family in 1957.

Norman storm

Jessye Norman's decision to withdraw from the world première of Sir Michael Tippett's *Byzantium* in Chicago tonight provoked very different reactions from the composer and Sir Georg Solti, who commissioned the work for his farewell concert with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "She had 18 months to learn the par
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LOCAL INFECTIONS

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voters' choice.

Throughout the 1970s, local elections were largely dominated by national politics. Local election results closely followed national poll trends. In the 1980s extravagant Labour councils made local politics more visible. Prominent local politicians such as Ken Livingstone of London and David Blunkett of Sheffield went on to become MPs, while a more sordid, but no less public, fate awaited Liverpool's Derek Hatton. Perhaps most significant, parties of the centre found themselves doing disproportionately well in local elections, suggesting that where the public is not voting national governments in or out of power, it is more ready to go for a centrist alternative, whether positively or as a protest.

The public clearly prefers local politics to be *local*, not run by cliques whose prime loyalty is to national parties. Research by William Miller at Glasgow University found that 63 per cent of people felt local politics had become more dominated by party politics in the past decade; 55 per cent bemoaned that. Even though 83 per cent said they had voted for the same party locally as nationally, more than twice as many said they had been influenced by local issues in local elections than by national issues.

Last year's local elections seemed to suggest a shift towards more fragmentation of the vote on local lines. Turnout rose sharply and swings between party support were more varied than before. The impact on this of the poll tax controversy is uncertain, with electors havering between blaming their council or the government for high bills. This year, the effect will be even less predictable, which is just what is needed for local government this year, of all years. Local government in Britain is under the most concerted threat this century from centralist forces. It will only save itself by proving that localism is alive and kicking, and national parties and national issues are neither here nor there.

PEOPLES' POLICE

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placed Iraqis in the area now under allied occupation. If they are to be protected in future, the UN force to replace the Americans will need to be stronger than is normal for UN "peacekeeping forces", and be given far tougher rules of engagement. For the first time since the Congo, they would have to be free to shoot other than in self-defence. The kind of "monitoring" UN force deployed in Lebanon would be inadequate to deter Saddam's soldiers and secret police from invading the refugee camps, or to stop those camps upping and moving into Kuwait or Saudi Arabia. Yet such a weak force is now being sent to the Iraq-Kuwait border. A 1,440-man observer unit, less than half of which is to be composed of fighting troops, is barely enough to patrol the 120-mile long, nine-mile deep "demilitarised zone", never mind to protect refugees outside it.

The UN can only provide guarantees for those in southern Iraq by sending in a stronger army, with a mandate to use force if necessary. The price of inaction will be to demonstrate that civilians cannot hope for protection even against inhuman and illegal conduct by their government unless they cross frontiers. Adhering to the doctrine of non-intervention, the UN has been understandably wary of lifting a finger for the millions of the world's internally displaced, of which there are two for every five in a foreign refugee camp. Humanitarian intervention in Iraq could set a precedent for changing this policy.

The unprecedented collective diplomacy summoned in Kuwait's defence should now be built on, if the famous new world order is to carry meaning. Relief to refugees within defensible safe areas that stops short of unseating Saddam could mark the start of more effective collective policing. It would go beyond traditional UN "peace-keeping". Without that, there is no prospect of safety for the Kurds, or of hope for millions of other refugees round the globe. That is why the post-war remains as crucial a phase of this conflict as was the war itself.

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would not stand a chance. Without a classically-educated oligarchy of teachers preserving its precarious niche, classics might be banished from the classrooms.

Yet classicists have their uses. Shrewd employers, including many in the City, still prefer job-applicants whose minds were formed by Aeschylus or Horace. General Schwarzkopf's strategy in the Gulf was grasped sooner by those who were familiar with Hannibal's victory at Cannae. Much of 20th century philosophy (let alone anything earlier) is meaningless to those who know nothing of Plato, Aristotle and the pre-Socratics. Who is equipped to judge post-modernist architecture without an inkling of classical orders and Vitruvius?

A passing acquaintance with classical culture may not be expected of an educated person, as it once was. Classical scholarship may have retreated from the centre of modern intellectual life, to eke out a modest existence among its esoteric marginalia. But to leave Latin out of the repertoire of state education altogether is to reinforce class barriers, by making this precious knowledge an exclusive privilege of those who can afford a private education. The grandees and dons gathered in Warwick this week can best make the case for classical study at school. Let their voices be heard, as loudly as they dare without abandoning decorum, before it is too late.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Oil drill threat to Hadrian's Wall

From the Director of the Council for British Archaeology

Sir, The decision of Northumberland County Council to allow test-*drilling for oil within 400 metres of* Hadrian's Wall (report, later editions, April 9) should be reversed with the minimum of delay. The erection of an exploration rig 135ft high, with the eventual possibility of a two-acre site being created to accommodate storage tanks and a pumping station, would represent a wholly unacceptable intrusion into the setting of this great monument.

The preamble to the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage begins with the statement that the cultural heritage [is] increasingly threatened with destruction not only by the traditional causes of decay, but also by changing social and economic conditions which aggravate the situation with even more formidable phenomena of damage or destruction.

It is ironic therefore that one of the world heritage monuments designated under the provisions of this Convention should be threatened in this way.

The UK government has been enthusiastic in its nominations to the world heritage list ever since its somewhat belated ratification of the Convention in 1984. It has, however, been reluctant to afford special consideration to the British monuments on the list.

At the conclusion of a debate in the House of Lords on February 13, 1989, initiated by Lord Kennet and prompted by three major planning applications relating to the world heritage monument at Avebury, Lord Hesketh on behalf of the secretary of state for the environment dismissed Labour calls for special statutory provision for this small group of monuments on the ground that they were adequately protected by existing legislation.

It is to be hoped that the deplorable Northumberland decision will prompt the present secretary of state to reconsider his predecessor's decision.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY CLEERE, Director,
Council for British Archaeology,
112 Kennington Road, SE11.
April 9.

Romanian orphans

From Mrs Mary Gibson

Sir, I wonder what experience of Romanian orphanages Mr Justice Waite has: his judgment in the case of the couple whose appeal to adopt two Romanian children was rejected [on health grounds] (report, March 28) would suggest that it is limited.

The loss of a parent, deeply sad though it is, is a natural occurrence: 100,000 children existing in orphanages is not. Mr Justice Waite is quoted as saying that "their pressing need is for stability". What sort of stability is there for children who, at three years old, are moved from the institution where they began their lives to another until they are seven years old — then to another orphanage for older children. Even the familiarity of the four walls that has been the only constancy in their lives (they do not even have a cot of their own) is gone.

Each of them is on his own in the world. Bereavement if, sadly, it did occur, would leave them with one loving parent and a home of their own. Reasons against inter-country adoption are found surprisingly easily by Home Office and Department of Health officials.

Yours faithfully,
MARY GIBSON (President,
Romanian Orphanage Trust),
Revelshay Farm, Bettiscombe,
Bridport, Dorset.

Major issues

From Dr Leslie A. Hill

Sir, I was beginning to feel a bit guilty about not answering my universities' appeals for money. Now, however, after the prime minister's claim that school drop-outs contribute more to the economy than university graduates (report, March 30), my conscience is clear.

I should, however, be grateful if you could let me know of any way in which I can contribute money to those who encourage such drop-outs instead.

Yours sincerely,
L. A. HILL, MA (Cantab), PhD
(London),
La Prairie, St Mary, Jersey, CI.

From Mr Nigel C. à Brassard

Sir, Perhaps more appropriate for Mr Major's well-earned break (letter, April 4) would be *The Way We Live Now*, or even *He Knew He Was Right*.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL à BRASSARD,
Old Police Cottage, Bibury,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
April 4.

Vital statistics

From Sir Alan Cottrell, FRS, FEng

Sir, Mrs Elaine Murray (April 10) might find comfort from the traditional complaint of British farmers: "Every year is worse than average".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN COTTRELL,
40 Maids Causeway, Cambridge.
April 10.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Nurses' status in the health world

From Professor Jane Robinson and Mr Mark Avis

Sir, Your leading article, "Nursing an image" (April 4), correctly suggests that better pay and professional status for nurses have not been reflected in changed public perceptions of the occupation. However, while accepting that there is a sharp demarcation between nursing and medicine, it is misguided to conclude that nurses could solve their problems by crossing over this boundary and that student nurses should aim to become brain surgeons.

The problems of relative status between nursing and medicine arise, on the one hand, because the practice of bio-medicine is so highly valued by the public and, on the other, because nurses' distinctive contribution to health care is not recognised.

In seeking to correct this imbalance nurses do not wish to take over bio-medicine but rather to be valued for their own knowledge and skills in the delivery and management of patient care. Such delivery will usually be in partnership with doctors but could increasingly, in the case of continuing and rehabilitative care, be within the overall remit of highly qualified and competent nurses.

Evidence from countries around the world where nursing has not been afforded appropriate recognition and education for a distinctive role suggests that the nursing services have subsequently experienced major crises of public confidence. To propose that, in future, nursing should be regarded merely as a sub-set of medicine would be unfortunate for nursing but would spell disaster for the public.

Yours sincerely,
JANE ROBINSON,
MARK AVIS,
Department of Nursing Studies,
University of Nottingham,
Faculty of Medicine,
Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.
April 4.

From Dr Mary Rice

Sir, Having qualified as a state-registered nurse and later as a medical practitioner, I challenge the comparison which Baroness Cumberlege (April 6) makes between nurse and doctor. True it is that the nurse is concerned with the whole person and that the doctor "attempts to mend faulty parts". However, the doctor is using the specialised skills of diagnosis and treatment in the context of helping the whole person, and in so doing, like the nurse, is attempting to restore well-being.

It worries me that the chairman of a regional health authority should present a stereotypic view. I would suggest that she should instead think of individual nurses and doctors, each exercising a range of skills in both technology and human relationships.

Yours faithfully,
MARY RICE,
Kingslace, 18 Shepherds Way,
Liphook, Hampshire.
April 7.

From Professor Emeritus J. K. Russell

Sir, Should I require brain surgery, indeed any form of major surgery, in the foreseeable future I would prefer to have the operation carried out by a surgeon, male or female, thoroughly trained and totally competent in the particular surgical discipline.

I would not want that surgeon to assume responsibility for nursing care after the operation. My wish would be to have a highly trained, experienced nurse, male or female, take care of my nursing needs until full recovery.

Medical and nursing skills at every level, especially at the highest level, are complementary. In dealing with people who are ill the different skills of doctors and nurses are both required.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. RUSSELL,
Newlands, Tranwell Woods,
Morpeth, Northumberland.
April 4.

From Mrs Liz Lacey

Sir, I am a (very) mature student working at university for a BSc in nursing studies. Your comment about the media failing to consider nurses as professionals brought to mind a valid point made to me by nursing friends — that whilst nurses are dressed up as waitresses they will never be considered seriously.

Doctors have long professional training with entry to medical schools only with high-grade A levels. Entry to registered general nursing courses, Project 2000 and university requires different qualifications ranging from basic tests to A levels.

Surely until this situation is remedied and all aspiring nurses have a high-grade entry point for training like the medics, they cannot expect to be considered on a par with doctors or even a profession in their own right.

Yours sincerely,
LIZ LACEY,
Tinpots Cottage, Annington,
Bramber, West Sussex.
April 4.

Ankara's role

From Professor G. L. Lewis, FBA

Sir, As it is obvious that 95 per cent of the blame for the terrible sufferings of the Kurds belongs to the government of Iraq, and the remainder to the coalition for not continuing the policy declared to the Iraqi air force in the US injunction to "fly and die", I was startled to see the title of your leading article of April 5. And yet "Ankara on trial" only reflects the principle so common in the West, that the Turks are always in the wrong.

Two passages of the article in particular call for comment. Many Turks, you say, will be relieved that the Kurdish uprising in Iraq did not succeed in establishing an independent Kurdish entity which might have fuelled separatism inside Turkey. Many more will be disappointed.

An independent Kurdistan or even an autonomous Kurdistan within the present borders of Iraq would, with its wealth of oil, have attracted the more nationalist-minded of the Kurds of Turkey (as well as those of Iran, Syria and the USSR), which would have relieved the Turkish government of one of its biggest headaches.

As for your assertion that all Western countries could accept so many refugees in the space of a few days, it would seem to be belied by the attitude of Albania's neighbours to the influx of far lesser numbers. Little of the financial help Turkey was promised after admitting and taking care of the first wave of Iraqi Kurds has yet been delivered.

Not a rich country, and with problems enough of her own, can Turkey be expected to look after an additional quarter-million homeless people? If Western countries are really prepared to accept them, an airlift should not be beyond their capabilities.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY LEWIS,
St Antony's College, Oxford.
April 5.

From Mr Richard S. Rogers

Sir, The coalition which expelled Saddam Hussein from Kuwait has snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. The betrayal of the Kurds and the Shias brings shame upon all of us and your attempt to put Turkey "on trial" is a proposition of staggering hypocrisy.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. ROGERS,
12a Ballyglighorn Road,
Castle Espie, Comber, Co. Down.
April 7.

Mortgage market

From Mr W. Grey

Sir, Having accused the Governor of the Bank of England of failing to understand the property market, Mr David Hebden (April 1) did little to advance understanding by blaming the recent house-price inflation solely on a shortage of homes.

This makes remarkably light of the power of the credit explosion which fuelled the latest inflationary "blip", and of which the house-price inflation, though not exclusively caused by it, was only one manifestation. Those like the Governor who are anxious to avoid yet another repetition of this damaging sequence by monetary means are anything but naive.

Only, in place of specific controls on mortgage lending, let them press for wider, indirect credit controls — such as "special deposits" by (hitherto exempt) building societies as well as banks at the Bank of England — which restrict credit from the supply side, and so relieve as well as reinforce the interest-rate weapon.

Yours faithfully,
W. GREY,
12 Arden Road, Finchley, N3.

From Mr J. A. P. Spurr

Sir, Mr Hebden attributes the house-price inflation of recent years solely to the shortage in the supply of homes. Surely the main cause was the belief among owners, would-be owners and developers that investment in property was a sure-fire route to astonishing levels of capital growth, to the extent that one could safely borrow to the limit and must do so in order to avoid missing a great opportunity.

Low interest rates and the willingness of lenders to lend made it all possible. Now that interest rates are coming down again, some of the building societies, developers and estate agents who prospered during those years are evidently trying to talk the market back into inflationary life with familiar warnings of rising prices.

The question now is whether house-price inflation is in the general interest. I thought it had been adequately shown that it is not.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES SPURR,
Common Hill Cottage,
East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset.

From Mr M. G. Harman

Sir, With a mortgage for house purchase, the lender always has security; if the borrower fails to keep up the repayments, the lender can take over the property and evict the borrower. The criteria for prudence for the lender and the borrower are therefore unrelated, and the extent to which lenders exercise prudence on behalf of borrowers (rather than just for themselves) has tended to diminish in recent years.

Excessive lending might be restrained, without direct legislation, if mortgagors were put on a more equal footing with other types of creditor, perhaps on some sort of sliding scale depending on their degree of prudence.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HARMAN,
Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road,
Camberley, Surrey.

Why there are so few new plays

From Mr Robin Hawdon

Sir, Benedict Nightingale mourns the lack of new plays in the West End ("Shaftesbury Avenue: a rich man's playground", Arts, April 1). As the adaptor of the newly-opened *Don't Dress for Dinner* which he objects to as "a rewrite of a flimsy farce", perhaps I may add to his appraisal of the situation.

During the last four years major West End producers have attempted to launch three new "serious" plays of mine, and an adaptation of a recognised work of quality (Kingsley Amis's Booker Prize winner, *The Old Devils*). In every case they failed simply because they were unable to attract bankable star names to the project.

As Mr Nightingale says, there are only a small handful of these around, and when they can earn upwards of £100,000 for two days' filming on a TV commercial, £1,000 for an hour's work on a voice-over, and satisfy their artistic aspirations by doing a limited run in a classic or a revival for Peter Hall or the National, why should they gamble their reputations on a new play, which requires the best part of a year's commitment and all the creative agony and heart-search demanded by untried pieces?

The suitable and right breeding ground for such experimentation has always been the provincial producing houses. Yet these are mostly in a state of desperate financial crisis. They themselves cannot afford the gamble on new works without the guarantee of recognisable star names.

On the Continent such theatres can afford bold policies as they are usually well subsidised by the state and by local authorities who take a pride in their artistic credentials. This in turn fosters the appetites of local audiences for new work.

Here, whilst commerce provides such huge financial rewards to actors, and politicians maintain such philistine attitudes, writers like myself are forced to concentrate on "commercial" pieces such as *Don't Dress for Dinner* as a means of singing for their supper.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HAWDON,
Summerhill House,
20 Bathwick Hill,
Bath, Avon.
April 1.

Fateful poll tax

From Mr John R. Poole

Sir, There is to be a cabinet meeting tomorrow morning which could be the Conservative party's last chance.

I believe that Mrs Thatcher would ultimately have understood the electoral compulsion of abandoning the ill-conceived and ill-received poll tax. She would never have countenanced the dishonesty of purporting to abandon it and then keeping it under another name. Nor, in my view, will the electorate.

Yours truly,
JOHN R. POOLE,
39 Gretton Court,
Girton, Cambridge.
April 10.

Taking silk

From Miss Naomi Hyamson

Sir, There can be no objection to Helena Kennedy's ceremonial knickerbockers (Diary, April 6) but it seems strange that the new QC, a supporter of Charter 88 and so, presumably, of human rights, should choose to wear the silk gown which once belonged to D. N. Pritt, QC.

Pritt's record in defending British trade unionists and taking on anti-colonial cases is undeniable. But he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Moscow trials of 1936-8 whereby Stalin secured the judicial murder of Lenin's revolutionary comrades by torture, absurdly fabricated evidence and "confessions". Pritt even wrote a book justifying the trial of Zinoviev.

Yours faithfully,
N. HYAMSON,
41 Westwood Hill, SE26.
April 7.

Fit for a king

From the Reverend M. T. Elvins

Sir, David Stevenson (March 29) claims unfortunate precedents for the name of Charles in our future monarch. While I find his reasons unconvincing, he has failed to mention a rather obvious reason for avoiding the style King Charles III: the Young Pretender was similarly described.

Although not officially recognised, the laws of primogeniture could still make a case for him.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
MARK ELVINS,
St Augustine's Nursing Home,
1 Manor Road,
Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex.

Price of knowledge

From Mr D. C. Payne

Sir, I rang British Telecom on 192 today to ask whether the charge of 43.5p per directory enquiry had been introduced. I was told that it had and that I would be charged 43.5p for that information.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PAYNE,
Martenscroft,
49 The Drive,
Tonbridge, Kent.
April 8.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 10: The Prime Minister and Mrs Major, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Mrs Dove-Edwin, His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand and Mrs Prasasvinitchai, Sir Robert and Lady Reid, Sir Simon and Lady Gourlay, Mr and Mrs Ian Beer and Mr and Mrs Brian Jenkins have left the Castle.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the Crown Estate Heritage Centre, Bracknell, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Having unveiled a commemorative plaque, Her Majesty with His Royal Highness, toured the Heritage Centre and woodlands, escorted by the Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield (First Crown Estates Commissioner) and the Mayor of Bracknell Forest Borough Council (Councillor Edwin Thompson).

The Lady Elton, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Chile and Senora de Aylwin and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the arrival of the President of the Republic of Cyprus and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duchess of York this afternoon visited Royal Air Force Headley Court Defence Services Medical Rehabilitation Unit, Epsom, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs John Floyd and Captain Neil Blair, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning opened the National Conference organised by the West Midlands Partnership Conference at Penns Hall Conference Centre, Penns Lane, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, visited the new Satellite House, 107 Stratford Road, Stroud to commemorate the opening of the new house and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

This evening The Princess Royal attended a dinner at 10 Downing Street given by the Prime Minister and Mrs John Major in honour of His Excellency The President of the Republic of Chile and Señora de Aylwin.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

April 9: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening chaired a Committee Meeting of the Award Scheme Golfing Society at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present *today at a Service in* Westminster Abbey to mark the Centenary of Trinity Hospice.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Her Majesty gave a Reception at Clarence House this evening for the Aldeburgh Foundation.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 10: The Duke of Gloucester this evening visited the "Sir Christopher Wren and the Making of St Paul's" Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London, W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 10: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited British Gas Engineering Station, Killingworth, North Tyneside and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison); and later His Royal Highness opened Northern Rock House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

This afternoon The Duke visited Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited, Sunderland and was received on arrival by Colonel J. W. Dowdeswell (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Young Men's Christian Association's Otterburn Hall, Otterburn and was received on arrival by Lieutenant Colonel P. O. R. Bridgeman (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland) and later Her Royal Highness opened Dolphin Court, Amble, Alnwick.

This afternoon The Duchess visited J. Barbour and Sons, South Shields, Newcastle upon Tyne and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as a Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, will attend a meeting of the trustees and a dinner at Frogmore House at 6.15.

The Duchess of York, as Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, will attend a performance of *Matador* at The Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, at 7.35 in aid of MNDA and the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Cranfield Trust, will open an international conference of the Cranfield Management Association at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, at 9.25.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will open the new Berkshire camp site and Pack Holiday House/Training Centre at Cold Ash, near Newbury, at 3.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will meet members of the executive and finance committees of the international federation at the Portman Hotel at 4.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will attend an Opportunity Japan dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, will visit the ORLAU unit at 11.30; and open the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Hospice in Shrewsbury at 2.30.

Banquet

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave the Easter banquet at the Mansion House last night in honour of members of the Diplomatic Corps and their escorts. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Kuwaiti Ambassador and the Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The other guests included:

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Hon [illegible], the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, the Hon Mrs Hurd, the Earl of Caithness, Lord [illegible], the Bishop of St Albans and Mrs Taylor, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Vanneck, the Hon J. A. and Mrs Fellowes, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, and the Hon Mrs Hogg.

The Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Sir Peter Studd, Miss Anne Studd, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Mr Richard Gozney, Miss Lucy Graham, Miss Trinka Graham, Miss Georgina Graham, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Hervey, Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, Mr I H Thompson, Miss Petra Laidlaw and the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

Memorial service

Air Vice-Marshal Bill Sykes

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Vice-Marshal Bill Sykes was held yesterday at St George's, RAF Halton. The Rev I.F. Greenhalgh, Chaplain to RAF Halton, officiated and read the lesson and the Rev W. Fielding led the prayers. Father John Marquis, Mr Frank E. Roe and Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland gave addresses.

Institution of Civil Engineers

Miss Margaret Florence Evelyn Mackenzie has been made a Companion of the Institution of Civil Engineers, in recognition of her generosity in allowing the institution to acquire the collection of documents, drawings, diaries and ledgers known as the Mackenzie Collection.

Dinners

Prime Minister

The Princess Royal was present at a dinner given by the Prime Minister and Mrs Major at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of the President of Chile and Senora de Aylwin. The other guests included:

Senor Enrique Silva Cimma, Senor Alejandro Foxley, Senor Ricardo Lagos, Senora Isabel Aylwin de Matta, the Ambassador of Chile and Senora de Riesco, Senor Carlos Portales, Senor Augusto Aninat, Senor Carlos Klammer, Senor Carlos Bascunan, Senor Fernan Ibanez, Senor Marcelo Trivelli.

Lord Waddington, QC, and Lady Waddington, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, and Mrs Brooke, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, and Mrs Ryder, Mr Timothy Renton, MP, and Mrs Renton, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel-Jones, the Bishop of Bristol and Mrs Rogerson, Lord and Lady Chalfont, the Countess of Lichfield, Lord and Lady Stevens of Ludgate

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr David Howell, MP, Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, MP, and Lady Stewart-Clark, Sir David and Lady Hildyard, Sir Alistair and Lady Frame, Mr and Mrs Lo van Wachem, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, and Mrs Dykes, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, and Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Jacques Arnold, MP, and Mrs Arnold, Mr and Mrs Adrian White, Professor and Mrs Roland Smith, Senor Alfredo Perl, Mr and Mrs Roger Singleton, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Harding, Mr Richard Neilson and Mrs and Mrs Stephen Wall

Parish Clerks' Company

Mr J. H. Gaze, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, presided at a court dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after evensong at St Michael's, Cornhill. Mr R.G. Ellen and Professor D. Gladstone also spoke. The Masters of the Plumbers' and Master Mariners' companies were among the guests.

Luncheon

Management Consultancies Association

Mr Robert Evans, CBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of British Gas plc, was guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Mr George Cox, President of the Association, presided.

OBITUARIES

EVE GARNETT

Eve Garnett, author and illustrator, died on April 5 aged 91. She was born on January 9, 1900.

EVE Garnett will be best remembered for her book *The Family From One End Street*. Since it first appeared in 1937 it has been regarded as a landmark in writing for children and has been much translated.

Eve Cynthia Ruth Garnett was the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Garnett and although she claimed to be the child of a "neo-Georgian nursery", she tended to be reticent about the exact date and place of her birth. She was educated at two schools in Devon and at the Alice Ottley school, Worcester, from where she went to the Chelsea Polytechnic School of Art. Before long, however, she had gained a five-year studentship to the Royal Academy Schools, where she won the Creswick Prize and a silver medal for landscape painting. She was later to exhibit at the Tate Gallery, the LeFevre Gallery and the New English Art Club.

Landscape and murals were her interest as a student but her stay at the Academy was terminated after two years through illness, and she found her concern turning towards the plight of the slum children of London. This had arisen through a commission to illustrate Evelyn Sharp's *The London Child* (1927) when she became "appalled by conditions prevailing in the poorer quarters of the world's richest city" and determined to devote subsequent work to showing up some of the evils.

Seen from the present, the results of this "propaganda" campaign were threefold: a 40-foot mural at the Children's House, Bow, a book of drawings with commentary, *Is It Well With the Child* (1938) and a story book for children *The Family from One End Street*. She had great difficulty in finding a publisher for this saga of Mr Ruddles the dustman and Mrs Ruddles the washerwoman. The book was deemed "not suitable for the young" but when it was eventually published by Frederick Muller it met with considerable acclaim and won the Library Association's Carnegie Medal for 1938. (Tolkien's *The Hobbit* was an also-ran).

The Family from One End Street showed all Eve Garnett's qualities: a book of cheerful stories written from the inside, without condescension and without either the fervour of the evangelical books which she had enjoyed as a girl or the dour commitment of today's stories of ordinary people. Moreover, her illustrations, with their amusing captions, showed her command of the most taxing of graphic skills: plain line-drawing with the content speaking for itself, unmuddied by scribble or hatching.

Eve Garnett never equalled this achievement as either writer or illustrator. Later books, such as *Holiday at the Dewdrop Inn* (1962), retained the cheerfulness but made no great advance, while her drawings for books like Stevenson's *Child's Garden of Verses* (1948) and for her anthology *A Book of Seasons* (1952) showed her plain-line work turning rather pallid.

At this time, however, she was becoming a keen traveller and she spent a great deal of time in northern latitudes ("I have crossed the Arctic Circle 16 times", she once claimed). She was especially interested in the Danish/Norwegian explorer and missionary Hans Egede, and visited Norway many times to further her studies of his life. This research resulted in a widely-broadcast radio play, *The Doll's House in the Arctic*, and in a book for older children, *To Greenland's Icy Mountains* (1968). She spent much of the latter part of her life in Lewes, East Sussex, and died in a nursing home there.

She was unmarried.

SELWA ES-SAID

Selwa Es-Said, an organiser of the Baalbek festival died recently in Beirut aged 80. She was born on December 2, 1912.

SELWA Es-Said was a founder member of the committee responsible for the Baalbek festival and, later, its president for a number of years. Under her direction and influence the festival attained an international reputation and its programmes frequently contained important British contributions, including a visit by the Royal Ballet. In recognition of this work she was appointed honorary CBE on her retirement from the festival presidency. Mrs Es-Said was also a trustee of the American University of Beirut, one of the leading educational establishments in the Arab world, and devoted much of her time to its affairs both in Lebanon and the USA.

She was the daughter of the distinguished Muslim family of Dimichkie. Her father was a well-known political figure, serving as mayor of Beirut for a period immediately after the second world war. Her mother was an active campaigner for women's rights, something of a rarity in the Arab world at that time, and published a women's magazine. Her brother, Nadim Dimichkie, is a gifted diplomatist who represented his country as Lebanese Ambassador in London from 1966 to 1978, becoming doyen of the diplomatic corps during his last year of office.

Mrs Es-Said inherited much from both her parents. She owed to her father the political sensitivity and diplomatic skill essential for anyone who plays any part in public life in the Arab world. Her mother gave her that passionate patriotism and belief in human rights and dignity which were the guiding principles of her life. Selwa Es-Said retained her striking looks until the last and was a delightful companion who relished her many friendships, both in her own country and elsewhere, especially in Britain, and gave generously of her time and herself.

Like all Lebanese the latter part of her life was overshadowed by the horrendous civil war which raged from 1975 onwards. She had been an active member of the Lebanese Red Cross for many years and when the fighting broke out, worked in the streets of Beirut, driving an ambulance and helping to care for the sick and dying. She also had her share of personal tragedy, her only son dying in Beirut in 1982 in his early forties.

She married, in 1934, Fouad Es-Said, a well known Beirut business man of Palestinian origin. It was an exceptionally happy marriage, giving much pleasure to their many friends whom they entertained at their delightful house in Sofar, in the mountains above the city. In 1985, however, events proved too much for them and they were forced to move temporarily to London which had always been a second home for them. They were able to return at the beginning of this year enabling Fouad Es-Said to be granted his wish to die in his own country on January 21; his wife outlived him by less than a month. They are survived by two daughters.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Parkinson, physician, London, 1755; George Canning, prime minister 1827, London, 1770; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist, conductor and founder of the orchestra of that name, Hagen, Germany, 1819.

DEATHS: Llywelyn ab Iorwerth, Prince of Wales, Aberconway, 1240; Sir Thomas Wyatt, poet and conspirator, executed, London, 1554; John Galt, novelist, Greenock, 1839; Charles Reade, novelist, London, 1884; Sir Gerald Du Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1934; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plastic surgeon, London, 1960; Josephine Baker, singer, Paris, 1975; Jacques Prévert, poet, Ormonville-la-Petite, 1977; Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader, 1946-85, 1985.

The coronation of William III and Mary II, 1689. In the Treaty of Utrecht, France ceded Gibraltar to England, 1713. Napoleon abdicated and was banished to Elba, 1814.

University news

London

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

Grants

Professor R H J Begent, £1.35 million from the Cancer Research Campaign, to study systems for targeted therapy of cancer.
Dr C J Seers, £162,400 from the Department of Health (maintaining people with chronic non-malignant pain in the community: complementary methods of pain control).
Dr C D Richards, £121,200 from the Wellcome Trust (study of the properties and modulation of neuronal potassium channels).
Dr A H V Schapira, Dr J M Cooper, £112,686 from the Thorn Trust (the complex I MPP+ binding site and Parkinson's disease susceptibility).
Dr A H V Schapira, Dr J M Cooper, £95,920 from the Parkinson's Disease Society (the relationship of complex I deficiency and free radicals to the pathogenesis of Parkinson's disease).
Professor P Jenner, Dr A H V Schapira, Professor C D Marsden, £95,567 from the Parkinson's Disease Society (does inhibition of complex I or the alteration of brain iron content initiate cell death in Parkinson's disease?).
Dr E S Debnam, £91,383 from the Wellcome Trust (the involvement of circulatory and local hormones in the modulation of intestinal sugar transport).
Dr R E Pounder, Dr A P Dhillon, £82,080 from Glaxo (a model of gastrointestinal inflammation and ulceration).
Dr A H V Schapira, Dr J M Cooper, £79,795 from the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain (mitochondrial protein transport in mitochondrial myopathy).
Dr V C Emery, Dr M Johnson, Professor P D Griffiths, £75,230 from Medical Research Council (use of quantitative PCR to monitor patient cohorts for emergence of HIV strains resistant to zidovudine.

Mrs Nona Hill

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Nona Hill will be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Leintwardine, Hereford and Worcester, on Friday, April 19, at 3.00 pm.

Classical Association

Taking law-making out of the biblical shadows

By PHILIP HOWARD

AMERICAN scholars in their concrete towers do it. The Japanese do it, in order to understand what makes us Westerners tick. In his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Classical Association at Warwick university yesterday, Professor George Kerferd, of Manchester University, suggested that we need to take ancient Greek philosophy to heart as our new modern ideology. Well he would, wouldn't he, being an eminent ancient philosopher by scholarly discipline? But he had a radical and provocative point to make.

Professer Kerferd said that these old ideas could help us to deal with certain problems that we have so far failed to resolve within the framework of western civilisation. The universal ideas of the old Greeks can help us transcend the otherwise irreconcilable conflicts between born-again Christianity, post-Christianity, Islam, Thatcherism, secular materialism and doing our own thing, and all our other warring sects.

We need to take laws and law-making out of the long shadow of the Bible and the Koran so we can escape from the incessant and tedious moralising that is such a feature of our modern democracies. The trouble is that we do not share a common morality. We can then discuss such questions as the private ownership of land, socialism and communism versus democracy, and even the poll tax rationally, assessing how best to promote the functions of our society.

Aristotle got it right after all: "The end of man is the realisation of human nature at its fullest development." This removes the choice between ideas from our personal preferences and prejudices. All we need to do is discover what are these functions already embedded in our human natures. *Hoc opus, hic labor est*: easier said than done. We do not even need basic values and the will of God to say that murder, torture, cruelty, rape, and child abuse are wrong.

Of course most of us detest such things, and we must maintain sanctions against them. But rational argument contends that such practices conflict fundamentally with the kind of society we are committed to promoting. In other words they are condemned by the criteria proposed by Aristotle twenty-four centuries ago.

Our basic beliefs in the western world rest on a two-fold foundation. Only one part of it is relevant when dealing with other cultures (like Islam) which are not prepared to accept such absolute values as those springing from our Judaeo-Christian tradition.

Our ancient philosophers are on the side of the angels. They just do not see the necessity to harp on about the angels in front of all members of our multi-cultural society. Philosophy is sheer common sense in academic robes.

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'Chelsea Girl' catches the eye at RHS show

THE competitive classes of the Royal Horticultural Society daffodil show at the RHS spring show, which closed last night at Westminster, were well supported with several entries in the trophy collections (Alan Toogood writes).

In the open section, the Engleheart challenge cup for 12 varieties bred and raised by the exhibitor was won by Mr C. Posties,, of Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester. His pink and white 'Chelsea Girl' was particularly eye-catching. Mr E. Jarman, of Wadebridge, Cornwall, won the Guy Wilson memorial vase in the open section for six white daffodils.

In the amateur section of the daffodil show the Bowles challenge cup for 15 varieties was awarded to Mr C. Gilman, of Norwich, Norfolk, one of his varieties being the outstanding large-cupped show variety 'Gold Convention' with deep golden-yellow flowers. A flower of this variety, shown by Mr P. Payne, of Postwick, Norfolk, was judged best bloom in show.

The RHS camellia show was also well supported. The Leonardslee bowl for 12 blooms was won by Mrs C. Petherick, of St Austell, Cornwall. In the RHS ornamental plants' competition, Borde Hill Garden, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, won the class for four trees or shrubs. The exhibit included the fragrant evergreen woodland shrub Pieris formosa with pendulous white bell-shape flowers.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe

The Summer Term begins today at Pipers Corner School with 375 girls. Major Sixth Form Scholarships for the autumn have been awarded to Joanna Geers and Sarah Harper. Parents' Day will be Saturday, July 6. The principal guest and speaker will be Commandant Anne Spencer, Director, WRNS.

Fletchers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Fletchers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Frank Steiner; Upper Warden, Mr Maurice Hart; Renter Warden, Mr Peter Whiting.

KEITH GEDDES

Keith Geddes, DFC, wartime fighter pilot, Scottish rugby international and former shipping executive, died on March 30 aged 72. He was born on October 25 1918.

KEITH Geddes achieved excellence in several diverse fields. He was one of the war's early night-time fighter aces at a period when air defence in the hours of darkness was a science still in its infancy; he was a fine rugby full back who played for Scotland from 1945 to 1947; and after the war he worked as an executive with the Orient Line, in what were to be the last years of the great ocean-going passenger liners.

The third and youngest son of Irvine Campbell Geddes and Dorothy Jefford (née Fowler), Keith Irvine Geddes was educated at Loretto and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He joined the RAF on the outbreak of war and was posted as a pilot officer to 604 "County of Middlesex" Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, later to become the best-known night-fighter squadron in the United Kingdom (the legendary "Cat's Eyes" Cunningham was one of its pilots). At the outbreak of hostilities the squadron was flying Blenheim F1s — light bombers which had been hastily converted to the night-fighter role. At this phase of the war night interception, unassisted by any airborne radar, consisted of peering out of one's cockpit, hoping to catch sight of the enemy. Combat, on the rare occasions it took place, was an equally rudimentary business, and kills were rare.

During the German Blitzkrieg of May 1940 No 604 had a different role and Geddes was involved with his squadron in a succession of desperate daylight strafing missions over Holland, Belgium and France in an attempt to stem the advance of the Panzer spearheads. At the end of 1940 the squadron converted to Beaufighters, faster and more powerfully armed than the Blenheims, and with new and improved airborne radars, the night-fighters made a much greater impression on the attacking Luftwaffe during the winter Blitz. Geddes shot down his first aircraft, a Junkers Ju 88 bomber, on March 12, 1941, and went on to run up a tally of five kills, which included further Ju 88s and two Heinkel He 111s, by July. For this he was awarded the DFC. He ended his operational flying career as a flight lieutenant and served the remainder of the war in ground control interception.

At rugby Geddes captained Cambridge University in 1938 and thereafter the RAF, London Scottish and finally Scotland. Indeed he had the distinction — thought to be unique in the home unions — of captaining his country at rugby union as his f Geddes, who led against England as in 1908, had before Geddes led Scotlan France and Wales i season in which b four full caps.

His playing caree interrupted by the w he played for Scotl victory internatio against the New army, games for w were not awarde possessing a prodi (in 12 appearances land he failed to sco two occasions) it w his kicking tha remembered. He prototype of the attacking full-b adventurous style with a watertigh often proved the i behind Scotland's s more so than in th win at Murrayfiel over the previo defeated New Zeal team.

His first full int against France in January 1, 1947, p notable incident: C competition with t wing, pursued a loo his own line and wa the touch-down by t However Geddes official the French been first, with the a try was awarded who went on to However this spor made such an imp the French players clubbed together to des a cigarette case of their appreciatio

Keith Geddes j Orient Line in 1946 in 1961 following t between Orient a Over those 15 yea largely instrumenta ing up Orient Li Pacific passenge exemplified by the 4 27½-knot liner Described as "a wi slide rule", Gedd immensely practica was fascinated by mechanical an trepreneurial.

For the last 30 y life he poured his v erable energies int of different ente diverse as the re waste oil, comme estry, turkey breedi farming. Although domiciled for most in England, Geddes much a Scot and wa most at home on th estate at the hea Striven which he cousin, Rupert Watson, acquired Irvine Geddes est

He was twic firstly to Marion ling by whom h children. The m dissolved and secondly Anne whom he had th All survive him.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.W. Barwick
and Miss S.J. Marsland
The engagement is announced between Carl William, son of Mr William and Mrs Joan Barwick, of Epsom, Surrey, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr Leonard Marsland, of Farningham, Kent, and Mrs Jean Marsland, of Otford, Kent.

Mr A.J. Bartholomew
and Miss J.E. Judson
The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs John Bartholomew, of Calgary, Isle of Mull, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Judson, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Bowen
and Miss T.M. Rollason
The engagement is announced between Alun, elder son of Mr and Mrs Emrys Bowen, of Llandeilo, Dyfed, and Teresa, daughter of Mr B.J. Rollason and Mrs J.G. Rollason, of Gloucestershire.

Mr D.P.C. Cashman
and Miss N. Bird
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr B.P. Cashman, of St Brides, Magor, Gwent, and Mrs A.M. Cashman, of Perth, Australia, and Nicola, daughter of Mr E. Bird, of Toller Porcorum, Dorset, and Mrs M.G. Bird, of Little Mongeham, Kent.

Mr R.M. Eckersley-Maslin
and Miss F.M. Walkinshaw
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Rear Admiral and Mrs D. M. Eckersley-Maslin, of Shedfield, Hampshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.W. Walkinshaw, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.H. Jolowicz
and Miss C.Trautmann
The engagement is announced between Nathaniel, son of Professor and Mrs Anthony Jolowicz, of West Green House, Barrington, Cambridgeshire, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Erik Trautmann, of Birchwood House, Icklingham Road, Cobham, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Mann
and Miss S.A. Funnell
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Dr and Mrs D.M. Mann, of Crantock and Dulwich, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Funnell, of Corby, Northamptonshire.

Mr S.W. Steele
and Miss A.C. Wilk
The engagement is between Simon, son Mrs Don Steele, of N Suffolk, and Amand of Mr and Mrs Steph of Felsted, Essex.

Mr N.M. Trayhurn
and Miss J.A.C. Het
The engagement is between Neil McMu Mrs D. Trayhurn a District Judge S.A. T Portwrinkle, Corn Judith, daughter of S and Lady Hetheri Lingfield, Surrey.

Marriages

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FARQUHARSON - On April 5th 1991, peacefully at a London nursing home, Marguerite, known fondly as Zee, aged 82. Much loved stepmother of Margaret. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Barnes, on Tuesday April 16th at 1.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

GALE - On April 9th, Grahame Alfred Arundel (Bob), husband of Meg and father of Nicholas, Christopher and Juliet. Funeral Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Caversham, on Wednesday April 17th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Reading Crematorium. No flowers, but donations in his memory to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon.

GRIFFITH - On April 7th 1991, John Godfrey Griffith M.A., aged 77 years. Fellow and Tutor in classics Jesus College Oxford 1938-1980 and Public Orator of Oxford University 1973-1980. The funeral service will take place in Jesus College Chapel, Oxford, on Wednesday April 17th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford. OX1 4TE.

HUTCHINSON - On April 9th 1991, at Bearnett House, Valentine, aged 87 years, much loved father of John and Valerie. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Tuesday April 16th at 3.45 pm. Flowers to the Undertaker, F. Jennings & Sons, St George's House, Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton.

KELLY - On April 10th 1991, peacefully at her home, The Cottage, The Wynd, Gifford, Shirley Viola Kelly, dearly loved wife of George and beloved mother of Fiona, Sally, Nicholas and Jill. A service will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Saturday April 13th at 10.45 am to which all friends are invited. Interment of ashes in Yester Churchyard.

LAWLOR - On April 7th 1991, peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, after a short illness, Desmond Arthur, aged 87, retired Member of the Stock Exchange. Requiem Mass 10 am on Thursday April 18th at Our Lady of Pity and St Simon Stock, Haslewell Road, Putney, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the St Vincent de Paul Society, c/o Sanders of 12 Medfield Street, Roehampton, SW15 (tel: 081-789-6855).

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PINDER - On April 8th 1991, in Chichester, Mary, widow of John Pinder, mother of Rev. John Pinder and grandmother of Eleanor and Catherine. Funeral Service at St George the Martyr Church, Southwark, on Thursday April 18th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St George's Church or Portsmouth Hospice Appeal.

RATHBONE-DAPERY - On March 23rd, in Montreal, Pauline, beloved wife of John Dapery. Dear mother of Nicholas Hopkinson and mother-in-law of Susanne and their son Christopher. A Memorial Service will be held at All Saints Church, Headington, Oxford, at 2 pm on Saturday May 11th, followed by burial of the ashes.

RUSSELL - On April 9th, peacefully, at home in Chelsea, Sheridan, aged 91. Funeral at Christ Church, Christ Church Street, Chelsea, at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 17th. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Time and Talents Association, c/o Robert Armitage, 12 Milner Street, SW3 2PU. Date of Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

SHARMAN - On April 5th, peacefully, Charles Edward, of Bere Alston, aged 94 years, formerly of the Bank of England and Little Bentley, Essex, husband of Henrietta Gladys. Funeral Service at Bere Ferrers Church on Monday April 15th at 10.30 am. No flowers please but donations to St Andrew's Church, Bere Ferrers, Devon.

SCOTT - On April 9th, peacefully at home, Sir Hilary Scott, aged 85 years. Darling husband of Margery, much loved father of Jennifer, Charles and Sally, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at St Mary's Church, Addington, on Monday April 15th at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations for Glyndebourne Arts Trust may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

SIMPSON - On April 9th 1991, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Sybil May (née Fraser) aged 86, of The Gables, Kirkby Lonsdale, widow of Hugh Simpson, beloved mother of Mary and Elizabeth and a much loved grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale, at 11.30 am on Tuesday April 16th. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the NSPCC c/o R.J. Lowery, Back Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale.

SLIPPER - On April 8th 1991, Jane Isobel Lois (née Wheatley), in peace and complete trust in God and surrounded by the love of her family and friends, at Basingstoke District Hospital. Funeral on April 16th, at 2.30 pm in Shalden Church (Alton, Hants.) and cremation at 4 pm in Aldershot. No flowers please. Donations to The Children's Society c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1LG.

SPEIRS - On April 8th, peacefully at The Chesters, Jessie Marguerite, aged 89. Cremation private. No flowers or donations. Memorial Service likely to be held at a later date.

TAYLOR - On April 6th, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Walter Edward, aged 77, of Queens Park Estate. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at West London Crematorium, 1 pm April 15th. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for League of Friends, St Mary's Hospital. Donations and enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services, 451 Harrow Road, North Kensington, London W10 4RG, tel: (081) 969-6260.

THORNELOE - On Good Friday March 29th, Doreen Lucy, of Goodmayes, Ilford, late of BBC Radio Newsreel. Beloved wife of Maurice and much loved mother of Professor Michael J Russell. Cremation on Monday April 15th at 2.30 pm at City of London Crematorium, Manor Park. No flowers by request. Donations to Woodford Music Trust c/o P.J. King Esq, 2 Langley Drive, Wanstead E11 2LL.

TINNISWOOD - On April 9th 1991, at Warren Lodge, Finchampstead, Commander The Reverend William Robert, A.K.C., R.N., Barrister-at-law, aged 80 years. Private funeral.

WALL - On Monday April 8th, suddenly at home, George Samuel, very precious husband, father, grandfather and friend of June, Steve, Grae, Nicola, Michael and Wendy. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Parish Church, Harpenden, Herts., on Tuesday April 16th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The British Legion. Enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, tel: (0582) 712865.

WHEELER - On April 9th 1991, her 52nd birthday, Sally, suddenly at home in Paignton. Founder Member of the Bichon Frise Club of Great Britain, beloved of the late Edward (Ted) and mourned by her family and many friends. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Paignton, at 1.15 pm on Wednesday April 17th 1991. Flowers or donations to the R.S.P.C.A. if desired may be sent to Maunders Funeral Service, 27 Well Street, Paignton, Devon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GRAHAM - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Meg Graham (née Austin) will be held in Winchester Cathedral at 3 pm on Friday May 3rd, as previously announced. All friends welcome.

HARRIS - William E. Headmaster of the American School in London. A Memorial Service will take place at the American School in London, 2-8 Loudoun Road, St John's Wood, on Wednesday April 17th at 3.15 pm.

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MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE INSURANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY
(Register No. 50 Coll)
Registered Office: Odd Fellows House, 40 Fountain Street, Manchester. M2 2AB

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion Ballroom, Pavilion Centre, Bournemouth, on Monday the 6th May 1991 at 1.15 p.m.

AGENDA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1990; Report of the Committee and Balance Sheet and Auditors Report 1990; Appointment of Trustee; Appointment of Arbitrators; Any Other Business.

PIPE-LINES ACT 1962
ELECTRICITY & PIPE-LINE WORKS (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1990
APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORISATION KELT U.K. LIMITED - PROPOSED GREAT HABTON TO CLAYPIT PLANTATION LIQUID AND GAS CROSS-COUNTRY PIPE-LINES

Kelt U.K. Limited hereby give notice, in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Pipe-lines Act 1962 and the regulation 7(3) of the Electricity and Pipe-line Works (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1990, that an application has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy for the grant of authorisation for construction of two cross-country pipelines.

The proposed pipe-lines, which are to be for the conveyance of hydrocarbon gas, produced water and hydrocarbon liquids are to run between Wellsites Malton 1 and Malton 4, Kirby Misperton 1/3 and Kirby Misperton 2, Marishes 1 and Claypit Plantation near East Knapton in North Yorkshire.

The pipeline will be owned by the Joint Venture Partners in the relevant Oil and Gas Licences and operated by Kelt U.K. Limited.

A copy of the map, on which the proposed route of the pipeline is delineated, and a copy of the Environmental Statement which both accompanied the application, can be inspected during normal office hours in Room 4.G.12, Department of Energy, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE and at the offices of the following local authority:

Ryedale District Council.

A copy of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from Kelt U.K. Ltd, 11 Smiddy Hill, Pickering, North Yorkshire, YO18 7AN whilst stocks last at a cost of £10 each.

Objections to this application should be made in writing, setting out the grounds of objection and bearing the reference PEP 78/706/47 and should be sent to the Secretary of State for Energy at 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, to arrive not later than 16th May, 1991.

D. Langham
Kelt U.K. Ltd.,
11 Smiddy Hill,
Pickering,
North Yorkshire,
YO18 7AN

Woking Glass Works Limited (In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company which is being wound up voluntarily, are required on or before 31 July 1991, to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned Robert David Hewitt of Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD, the Joint Liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so required, to produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Joint Liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.

Robert David Hewitt
Joint Liquidator
8 April 1991

Woking Glass Works Limited (In Liquidation)

"At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held on 8 April 1991 at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD the following resolutions were passed as an Extraordinary Resolution and as an Ordinary Resolution:

That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily, and that Robert David Hewitt and Lynn Gibson of Gibson Hewitt be and they are hereby appointed joint liquidators for the purpose of winding up the company"M D Langtree Chairman

LEGAL NOTICES

SERV-A-TIL LIMITED

I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 12th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 8 April 1991
M R Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER of
LES SAMPSON
HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 4th April 1991.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER of
LES SAMPSON
INVESTMENTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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IN THE MATTER OF
MICKLETOWN LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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Liquidator
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IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 001855 of 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
G. & G. KYNOCH PUBLIC
LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 25th March 1991 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 5th April 1991.

Dated this 11th April 1991
Richards Butler, Beaufort House,
15 St Botolph Street
London EC3A 7EE.
Solicitors for the
above named company

LEGAL NOTICES

ALOMAR FINANCIAL &
TECHNICAL SERVICES
LIMITED

Registered number: 1989348 Nature of business: Financial Services. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland (Gibraltar) Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Robert Bruce McLean Graham of Cork Gully 76 George Street Edinburgh and John Martin Iredale of Cork Gully Shelley House 3 Noble Street London EC2V 7DQ (office holder nos. 0/00510 and 2104)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

Pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

Name of Company: Zenomid Limited. Registration Number: 2325119. Nature of business: Property Ownership.

Trade classification: 23.

We, Ladislav Hornan (office holder no: 2069) and Frank Stancil (office holder no: 2662) of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Zenomid Limited on 4th April 1991 by Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corp. under the powers contained in a debenture dated 24th February 1989 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.

Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: None.

Dated 5th April 1991
Ladislav Hornan

Notice of appointment
of Administrative Receiver
ECLIPSECARE LIMITED
Registered number: 1687911

Trading Names: The Burlington Hotel, The Cumbria Grand Hotel, The Cairn Hotel, The Craiglands Hotel, The Earl of Doncaster Hotel, The Hotel Metropole, The Manor House Hotel, The Norbreck Castle Hotel, The North Stafford Hotel, The Queen Hotel, The Royal York Hotel, The Turbot Hotel. Nature of business: Hoteliers. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 2 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and R Hocking (office holder nos. 1788 and 2322) Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

MADI DESIGN LIMITED
Registered number: 2078286

Former company name: CONFAX MEDICAL CONFERENCE SERVICES LIMITED.

Nature of business: Manufacturers of Ladies Dresses. Trade classification: 08. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P. Monjack FCA and K.D. Goodman FCA (office holder nos. 2344 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co., P.O. Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF.

IN THE MATTER of
WESTGATE SHIPPING
HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 4th April 1991.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER of
WESTGATE SHIPPING
(NORTHERN) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER of
WESTGATE SHIPPING
(BRISTOL) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 4th April 1991.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

LEGAL NOTICES

MAPLE GLASS
INDUSTRIES LIMITED

I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 8th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 8 April 1991
M R Dorrington FIPA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
L & B PERSONNEL
CONSULTANTS LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 19th APRIL 1991 at 4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE, LONDON EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 18th day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
L McLENNAN
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER of
WESTGATE INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 4th April 1991.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

F.W. PEARCE (BUILDERS)
LIMITED

Registered number: 1244453 Trading name: F W PEARCE (BUILDERS) LIMITED. Nature of business: BUILDING CONTRACTORS. Trade classification: DIVISION 5. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 26 MARCH 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: JOHN STEWART BAIRD and EDWIN KIRKER (office holder nos. 1074 and 060) of PANNELL KERR FORSTER 78 HATTON GARDEN LONDON EC1N 8JA

IN THE MATTER OF
UMARIC LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, EDWIN KIRKER of PANNELL KERR FORSTER & PARTNERS, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London, EC1N 8JA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on the 22nd March 1991 by the Creditors.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 3rd day of May 1991, to send in their forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London, EC1N 8JA the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 28 day of March 1991
E Kirker
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
NICHOLLS-PRATT
PROPERTIES (AN UNLIMITED
COMPANY)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 15th day of May 1991 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, Richard William James Long of Robson Rhodes, Bryanston Court, Selden Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4TN, the joint liquidator of the said company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 26th day of March 1991
R.W. LONG
Joint Liquidator

NOTE: This notice is purely formal. It is intended that all known creditors will be paid in full.

LEGAL NOTICES

ENTEX COMPUTER
SERVICES LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at Goffs Park Hotel, 45 Goffs Park Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH11 8AX on Thursday the 25th day of April 1991 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Mr D B Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5EH, is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Company's Registered Office at Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5EH not later than 12 noon on Wednesday the 24th day of April 1991.

Dated this 2nd day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T WALES - DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER of
WESTGATE INTERNATIONAL
(HOLDINGS) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

THE CHAMBERS PLC

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Chelsea Chambers, 262a Fulham Road, London SW10 9EL on Friday 19th April 1991 at 11 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Mr D.B. Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, GU2 5EH, is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Company's Registered Office at Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5EH not later than 12 noon on Thursday the 18th of April 1991.

Dated this 28th day of March 1991.
By Order of the Board
N.A.J. Nihlsen
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Skygain Ltd
In Members' Voluntary
Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 27 March 1991.

MELVYN L. ROSE FCA FCCA
LIQUIDATOR
5 April 1991

To Shahid Muneif Khan
of 51 Staines Road East, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex

TAKE NOTICE that a statutory demand has been issued by The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland a company incorporated with limited liability by Act of Parliament under the Laws of Scotland whose head office is situate at The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 1YZ.

The Creditor demands payment of £10,000 part of the amount now due on a judgement of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division dated the 6th day of November 1990 in proceedings numbered 1990 S No. 7894.

The statutory demand is an important document and is deemed to have been served on you on the date of the first appearance of this advertisement. YOU MUST deal with this demand within 21 days of the service upon you or you could be made bankrupt and your property and goods taken away from you. If you are in any doubt as to your position, you should seek advice IMMEDIATELY from a solicitor or from your nearest Citizen's Advice Bureau.

The statutory demand can be obtained or is available fro inspection and collection from P A Redfurn, Underwood and Co. 40 Welbeck Stret, London, W1M 8LN the solicitor for the Creditor whose telephone number is 071 487 4461 and whose reference is PR/NH/28977/1/6.

YOU HAVE ONLY 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT BEFORE THE CREDITOR MAY PRESENT A BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

WOODSIDE WINES LIMITED

WE, JAMES TAYLOR F.I.P.A. of POPPLETON & APPLEBY, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN and P. HARTIGAN of BOOTH WHITE, New House, 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts, WD1 7HG were appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 22nd March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 8 April 1991
J Taylor and P. Hartigan
Joint Liquidators

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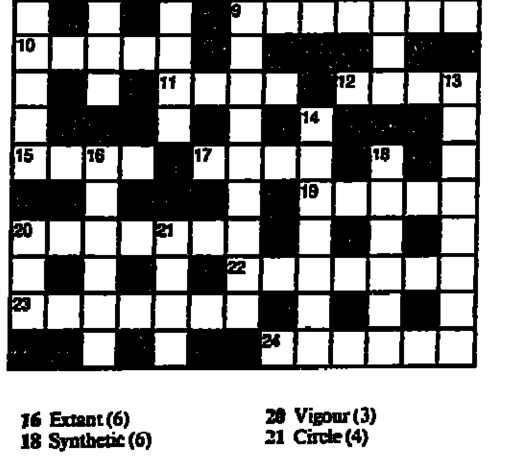

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch than expected. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo, director Simon Wincer.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE BIG STEAL (15): Mild Australian comedy. Teenagers dominate, but Steve Bisley (an unscrupulous car dealer) gets the best laughs. Director Nadia Tass.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561)
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gerard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears's disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ THREE MEN AND A LITTLE LADY (PG): Horrendous sequel to Three Men and a Baby, piled high with archaic comedy wheezes.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☑ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ CARMEN JONES. Classy production of the Oscar Hammerstein II/Bizet all-black musical: great singing and packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☐ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes* for Field Day. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time, 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

☑ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time, 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average French-boulevard stuff: mistresses, cover-ups and all that.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE FALSE COUNT: Accomplished production of Aphra Behn's Restoration romp: bawdy bedrooms and battles at sea.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Underground: Sloane Square. Tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins. In repertory with *Approaching Zanzibar* and *Keely's Mother*.

☑ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins.

■ INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Ayckbourn's serious comedy, originally for children, about a girl's fantasy family who turn hostile. Oddly preachy ending but strong on laughs and shudders.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, 2.30pm, Sat, 10.30 and 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW LAVISHLY MOUNTED!: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson wittily pointing the finger at politics and culture.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time, 2hrs. Closes April 13.

■ LULU: The charismatic Joanne Whalley Kilmer as Wedekind's voracious sex goddess littering the salons of Europe with corpses.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time, 3hrs. Closes April 20.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican (as above). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. Running time, 3hrs 15mins.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family. Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time, 2hrs 15mins.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder. Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time, 2hrs 20mins. Closes April 27.

☑ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time, 2hrs 10mins.

☐ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

☑ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time, 2hrs 40mins.

☐ VICTORY: No punches pulled in Howard Barker's demolition of Charles II and his rotten court. Strong meat, stimulating theatre.
Greenwich Theatre, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Today-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 30mins. Closes Saturday.

☐ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy of revenge and corruption. Kathryn Hunter's crippled zillionaire unforgettably sinister and sad.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mat today, Sat, 2.15pm. Running time, 2hrs 55mins.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time, 2hrs.

■ THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Alan Bennett's enchanting new version: jolly sets popping up on the revolve, with Griff Rhys Jones, Richard Briers and all.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground: Waterloo. Today until April 20 (not Sun), 7.15pm, mats April 12, 13, 17, 20, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☑ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-437 3686) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☑ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Continuing its performances of music of our time, the BBC SO in its 60th anniversary season tonight offers Hugh Wood's Symphony, which was originally commissioned by the BBC, and Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 with Stephen Hough as soloist. Andrew Davis conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

CHRISTUS PREMIERE: The long-awaited first performance of Francis Pott's massive work for solo organ, performed by Iain Simcock.
Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London SW1 (071-834 7452), 7.30pm

ULSTER ORCHESTRA: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the Divertimento No 11 K251 and Concerto K297c for Violin and Harp by Mozart, and the Rococo Variations and the *Romeo and Juliet* fantasy-overture by Tchaikovsky.
Diamond Concert Hall, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co Londonderry (0265 44141), 8pm.

SALOME: Joachim Herz's acclaimed production of Richard Strauss's opera has American soprano Kristine Ciesinski as a convincing cold-blooded Salome. There are impressive performances too from Alan Woodrow as Herod and Soviet baritone Dmitri Kharitonov as Jokanaan.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 8pm

IAN CARR AND GROUP: The jazz trumpeter, composer and biographer of Miles Davis lines up with Phil Todd (saxophones and electronic wind instrument), Mark Wood (guitar), Dill Katz (fretless bass) and John Marshall (drums and percussion).
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (071-729 2476), 9.30-10.30pm, 11.30pm-12.30am.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD: Timberlake Wertenbaker's play, based on Thomas Keneally's novel *The Playmaker*, is set in an Australian penal colony in 1789 and concerns a young lieutenant's attempt to rehearse and stage Farquhar's *The Recruiting Officer*. Staged originally at the Royal Court in London.
Leicester Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797), 7.30pm.

WINTER'S TALE: Opening night of Michael Bogdanov's production for the English Shakespeare Company, with Michael Pennington as Leontes.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, London WC2 (071-836 6404), 7pm.

THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and David Yip in an old-fashioned but entertaining show, with a wealth of hit songs such as "I Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Getting to Know You".
Opera House, Quay Street, Manchester (061-831 7766), 7.30pm.

The fog of updated war

THEATRE

Coriolanus
Aldwych

THEY stand forlornly in the murk, a bedraggled little crowd with a banner bearing the word "Demokratie", scrawled in the familiar red of Solidarity. Then there are sirens, amplified shouts of "this is an illegal demonstration", and tear-gas which sends everyone coughing offstage. Yes, friends, this is antique Rome as it has been inimitably rehashed by Michael Bogdanov and his English Shakespeare Company.

Mikes appear for people to relay the verse through, and even a telly for the triumphant Volumnia to appear on; but the action traverses time as well as Eastern Europe. With their mix of scarves, macs, and blue workers' blouses, the plebeians seem variously to come from an Eisenstein film, a modern Polish food-queue, and a Prague cellar in 1989. Bernard Lloyd's svelte Menenius looks like a Tsarist count but, with their black hats and overcoats, his fellow-patricians might be taking a May Day salute during the Brezhnev era. Give one prole a moustache and a glummer expression, and he could be Vaclav Havel in his dissident days.

The result is undeniably vivid; but it brings confusing side-effects, and not just because Bogdanov seems to be identifying the play's patricians with both communist and aristocratic leaders. It comes as a surely unintended surprise when these nice plebeians start behaving in the fickle, cowardly way Shakespeare demanded. Indeed, it is the Havel clone who most abjectly reverses himself about the rebellious Coriolanus, mumbling "though we willingly consented to his banishment, yet t'was against our will". It almost seems that Bogdanov is suggesting the East Europeans deserved Ceausescu, or were wrong to send their lesser monsters packing.

Michael Pennington's Coriolanus is more of a monster than I expected, given his usual earnest persona. A long scar leaves his face looking like a badly laddered beige stocking, and he sounds like someone gargling with battery acid. He is a blunt man bluntly in love with war, most himself when snarling at his troops from a plinth behind which widows are pointedly (and unsubtly) laying wreaths. Indeed, such a tough figure does he cut that his quieter, more domestic moments seem unprepared and a bit implausible. Love, tenderness, filial devotion are beyond this warrior's reach.

Still, he carries the evening, supported by a strongish cast.

DONAL

Bluntly in love with war: Michael Pennington as Coriola

Lynn Farleigh plays his wife Virgilia in quietly stricken style. June Watson's Volumnia is as formidable as circumstances allow, which is a lot less than Barbara Jefford recently was in the role. With her smart red suit, grey perm and hectoring accents, she
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matron who sends sale
Harrods diving for safety
their tills. Here, as e
Bogdanov's updating co
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BENEDICT NIGHTI

THEATRE

The Lucky Spot
Attic, Wimbledon

CHRISTMAS Eve in Depression-era Louisiana: *The Lucky Spot* Dancehall prepares for its gala opening. Cassidy, the wide-eyed waif, won by her employer at a game of cards and now heavily pregnant, chatters excitedly about their marriage once he has divorced the hard-drinking virago currently in the state penitentiary. The waif's confidant, a lugubrious young simpleton called Turnip (which he regrets but feels unable to change), attracts Lacey, a blowsy dancer, whose career is somewhat impeded by her tendency to fall over with cries of "I have very weak ankles — a condition I've had since early birth".

This is the theatrical Deep South, so decadent it has come full circle back to innocence, recognisable from Tennessee Williams and Carson McCullers. Mississippi-born writer Beth Henley adds a dash of William Saroyan's quirky good-heartedness and her own brisk humour. The result, in this British premiere production on our own Broadway (Wimbledon) in our own deep south (SW19), is hilarious and touching: a pot of gold towards the end of the District and Northern lines.

The nightspot's inauguration runs into difficulties: the rent-a-dance girls flee before the imminent release of the virago; a sinister businessman lays claim to the property. Hooker, the owner, and his rejected jailbird wife end the first act by attempting to murder one another. The jukebox, the establishment's pride and joy, is peppered with shot and replaced by a wheezing gramophone.

The procession of disasters is often extremely funny. The threads of a slightly perfunctory plot are drawn together when the outcast wife finds redemption by staking herself at cards in an effort to save the Lucky Spot — and forces her husband to admit his love. The delicate distinction between a warm heart and a merely soft centre is finely observed in Tony Craven's production.

The cast is led by Keith Bartlett, vividly remembered for his Macbeth and Philoctetes for Cheek By Jowl. His ex-convict wife is beautifully gauged by Anjela Belli, a figure of wiry toughness haunted by the ghost of pale beauty, the spirit not quite crushed in this final gamble for love. The production's lack of sentimentality is conveyed by the two youngsters, holy fools who avoid the trap of cornball philosophising. Emma Tate (Cassidy) is vulnerable, clear-eyed, hitting the truth from her improbably askew angle to life, and Jasper Holmes (Turnip) whose outburst on the futility of human wishes when we end up "daid, daid, daid!" strikes awe into Jenny Lee's dancer, achieving intellectual intercourse at last.

The Attic Theatre, re-opened after two years in a new venue (a former ballroom), has three more plays we can partake of in the next 12 weeks, and deserves all success.

MARTIN HOYLE

TELEVISION

Sleepers/
A Murder of Quality
BBC 2/ITV

TO SAY that a new series reminds you of telly in the Sixties perhaps sounds like less than a compliment. The idea of bringing back the papier mâché living-room walls, and the stark, flat studio lighting is about as attractive as bringing back the dolly-bird. But Sleepers (BBC 2), the new four-part comic thriller about two Soviet spies who "went native" in Britain 25 years ago, managed in last night's opening episode to capture some of the tongue-in-cheek breeziness of shows such as *The Avengers* and *Adam Adamant*, while being produced and shot (by the excellent cameraman Remi Adeferasin) to the highest modern production values.

Never for a moment did I believe that Warren Clarke and Nigel Havers were Russians. Their reunion on a walkway at the Newport Pagnell services required them to utter Slavic greetings — and at this point it emerged that neither Clarke nor Havers really believed they were Russians either. Authenticity was not a point to be laboured, however. After all, what redeemed these two perfectly happy agents from oblivion was the KGB's discovery of a secret underground room in the Kremlin — filled with Carnaby Street memorabilia and elocution tapes — in which the agents had presumably studied the complex-
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LYNNE

THEATRE

The Last Days
of Don Juan
Pit

THE play begins in total darkness. We could already be in that other pit, the infernal one Don Juan will be hauled into at the end. But the sounds we start hearing are not howls of despair but the joyful moans of a woman. When words at last surface, the character of the man (still unseen) is clear from his second line: "Which way's the door?" Don Juan (for it is he) is already off. And after the lady's shrieks awake the King of Naples, peering down from his window to ask what's up, the Don's reply fixes his attitude to authority and the jaunty style of this translation: "A man, a woman, in the dark, naked — any ideas?"

Tirso de Molina's 1630 *commedia* launched the atheist lecher into European literature but allowed him little of the grandeur and scarcely a note of the self-examination introduced by later writers. His function is expressed in Molina's title, *The Trickster of Seville*. At the same time, the women are as ready as he for sex at first sight. The noble-women are more eager than the peasants, which in itself breaks with dramatic convention; and when added to the Court's readiness to ignore the Don's behaviour, the atmosphere of moral laxity is distinctly unsettling.

Nick Dear's version creates entirely new scenes and it would have been courteous to provide a programme-note indicating this. But the unsettling quality of Danny Boyle's production springs from something deeper. His staging is fluent and charged with arresting scenes: the happy praise of Lisbon by Sylvester Morand's Gonzalo (Mozart's Commendatore) is brilliantly done; the fiery Dona Anna of Yolanda Vazquez virtually rapes Paterson Joseph's soppish Diego. No, what is disconcerting is the absence of a point of view. Deliberate this may be but it deprives the audience of a
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JEREMY KIN

Arts features

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

BRINDIZE
(c) To toast, drink the health of someone: *Earthly Powers*: "I took the initiative in glass-clinking. 'To the happy couple,' I brindized."

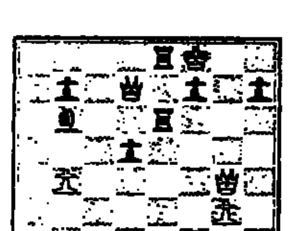
APODICTIC
(a) Established by incontrovertible evidence, from the Greek *apodeiknunai* to demonstrate: Kant: "In geometry there exist truths of apodictic force in reason, which the mere understanding strives in vain to comprehend."

PARAPRAXIS
(a) The faulty performance of an intended act, in psychoanalysis a minor error said to reveal a subconscious motive, from the Greek *para* beyond + *praxis* action: "All too many malapropisms and misprints, or are they parapraxes?"

TRIMURTI
(c) In Hinduism, the gods Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva, from the Sanskrit *tri* three + *-murti* formed of: "The theory of the trimurti presents no such close similarity to the Christian doctine of the Trinity as to render derivation from Christian influences either necessary or probable."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Niemala — Myhre, Tel Aviv 1964. Can you see how White forces a quick win?

Solution: 1 Bf8! Rc8 (1 ... Rxf8 2 Qxf7) 2 Qg7+ and 3 Qg8 mate

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Living in a loch is not always a bed of roses for the
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n around Britain
al news and weather 12.05 Rosemary Conley's
es Club. Fight the flab with hip and thigh Rosemary
Today. From Pebble Mill, the daily music and chat
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News and weather
Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Fast moving quiz
ing Lovers (1954, b/w) Set in Fifties London, this is
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e pair He is a US diplomat and she is the daughter of
n official. Their unlikely alliance supposedly warms
the cold war — but fails to bring the audience in from
cted by Anthony Asquith
he Penguin is the misunderstood, intelligent hero of
r) 3.55 Mick and Mack. Michael Barrymore tries
e bathroom (r) 4.05 The Further Adventures of
4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode four of the 12-
s comedy drama (r) 4.35 Tricky Business. Comedy
resented by Bernie Clifton
.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax)
r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside

News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. Weather.
ws Magazines. Northern Ireland. Neighbours
ops presented by Anthea Turner
(Ceefax)
World. The fresh water springs of the Mendips are
ncern about how to supply Somerset with water has
ntriguing solutions. Kate Bellingham finds out about
lans, including using the Severn for drinking water
The first in a repeat showing of the comedian's last
ax) Northern Ireland. Mountain, Fen and Lake
r News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news

UK. If you witnessed an armed robbery, would you
he important details? On the launch of Crime
eek, Crimewatch stages a violent incident and then
s' powers of observation. Plus the continuing
into the murderer of John Green, killed at his home in
ruary 1991. Police appeal for help from the public.

he Peter Sissons's guests are comedian Stephen Fry
y Benn, Simon Hughes and David Mellor
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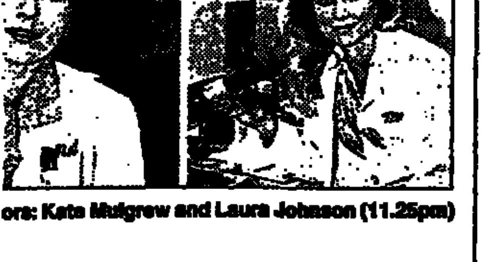


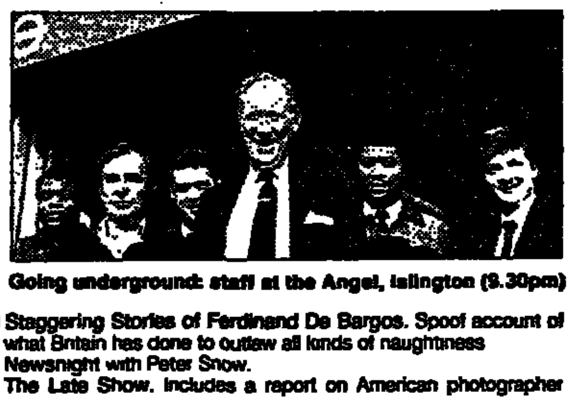
ors: Kate Mulgrew and Laura Johnson (11.25pm)

There's nothing wrong with this sanitised drama series
Angeles women's clinic that couldn't be put right by
ng of a few drops of blood and the appearance of a
nglamorous doctors or patients who are either short
ll and skinny. The whole thing is so highly polished that
g as unthinkable as a metal bed-pan dared show its
uld doubtless reflect the images of actors who are
retending to be medical folk, though those of us who
Casualty aren't taken in because we know what it's
hen matters of life and death are put into the balance.
pital fiction However not every member of the staff in
ooks as if he or she is on loan from an agency that hires
models. One of them (Kate Mulgrew), who is not unlike
tharine Hepburn, wears spectacles

A Month to Remember. The final Thursday of
s Imen B.D. Muradadeen visiting a mosque, the heart
rship and comunity Ends at 12.40

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Physics of Matter Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Holiday Outings. Corfu (r)
8.20 Under Sail. The Lord Nelson, a barque designed to be crewed by the physically handicapped (r)
9.00 Film: Ringside Maisie (1941 b/w) Undemanding comedy in the "Maisie" series starring Anne Sothern Directed by Edwin L. Marin
10.30 Film: Great Day (1945, b/w) Eric Portman and Flora Robson star in this melodramatic tale of the village folk of Denley thrown into activity and excitement by the impending visit of Eleanor Roosevelt Directed by Lance Comfort
11.50 The Honeymooners (b/w) Fifties American comedy (r)
12.15 After Hours. With singer Richard Marks 12.35 Postcards From Down Under. Carol Vorderman explores Kakadu in northern Australia 1.05 Animation Now. *The Hat* (r) 1.20 *Bump* (r) 1.25 Animal Fair (r) 1.35 A Taste of Health. Ways to wean children off junk food (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by Muggeridge: Ancient and Modern. Malcolm Muggeridge during the years 1967 to 1971 (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Desire of the Moth (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Call My Bluff (r) 4.30 Plunder. Ian Hislop, editor of *Private Eye*, rifles the BBC's archives and picks his favourite clips
5.00 Film 91 with Barry Norman (r) 5.30 The Vet: The Joys of Spring? (r)
6.00 Film: Maverick Queen (1956) Standard western starring Barbara Stanwyck as Kit Banion, a hotel owner who controls most of Wyoming's cattle business Her life is changed by the arrival of a handsome stranger Directed by Joe Kane
7.30 First Sight: We Shall Not Be Moved? Antonia Higgs reports on the upheaval facing football clubs who are being forced to make big changes after the Hillsborough disaster two years ago. Wales: Gardening Together, Northern Ireland Open All Hours. England: Midlands — Midlands Report, North, Northeast and Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; Southwest. Western Approach; West: Current Account
8.00 Floyd on Oz.
● CHOICE: The putative reason for Keith Floyd's antipodean odyssey *is to find an Australian heiress However*, he suppresses this appetite in favour of one more appropriate to an incorrigible gastronome — a hunger for the best in Australian cuisine Thus, within minutes of touching down Down Under (or so episode one of Floyd's new series suggests), there he stands, with his stove, ankle-deep in the Sydney briny, preparing an Aussie fish chowder, albeit with New Zealand mussels Except for the 20 seconds or so he wastes admiring some centuries-old Aboriginal rock carvings, Floyd devotes the whole of his week in Sydney to what he inelegantly calls gut bashing, a non-stop sampling of massive prawns, oyster sausages, Vietnamese soup thick with bean sprouts and raw beef slices, and the speciality of the mobile Café de Wheels — pie and peas — which points up the cockney origins of many an Australian
8.30 Top Gear Includes a road test of the new Madza 121
9.00 Up Pompeii! Seventies comedy starring Frankie Howerd (r)
9.30 40 Minutes: Heart of the Angel.
● CHOICE: Producer/director Molly Dineen has a deep-down sensitivity. So deep-down that, on the basis of this documentary about a London Underground station and her recent Channel 4 film about Irish subterranean workers, *The Pick, the Shovel, and the Open Road*, she could qualify for the title of television's resident troglodyte. The Tube station is the Angel, Islington, and during the 36 hours covered by this documentary, it is an enclave of both discontent and perplexity A lift has broken down yet again, the lift operator can't provoke his customers into discussing whether the world is flat or round, a tunnel maintenance men is resigned to the worst ("If I lose me brains, I might enjoy the job"), and the station foreman, examining the plans for a new and improved Angel, gloomily reflects that "they won't have little turds like us in charge of a station like that" (r). (Ceefax)



Going underground: staff at the Angel, Islington (9.30pm)

10.10 Staggering Stories of Ferdinand De Bargos. Spoof account of what Britain has done to outlaw all kinds of naughtiness
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow.
11.15 The Late Show. Includes a report on American photographer Weegee 11.55 Weather
12.00 Weekend Outlook. Open University preview Ends at 12.10am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game with Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion chaired by Mike Scott
10.30 This Morning. Magazine series hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular television programmes 2.50 Jumble. Quiz game
3.15 *ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines* 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama
3.55 Art Attack. Neil Buchanan presents the innovative art show 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales. Cartoon 4.40 Streetwise. First of a new children's drama series
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with more information on benefits and services for people with disabilities
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Oracle)

Nursing 100 editions: staff and patients at St James's (7.30pm)

7.30 Jimmy's.
● CHOICE. The see-it-as-it-happens chronicles of St James's, Leeds, the country's largest general hospital, reach their 100th edition tonight Long-time fans will probably find nothing surprising in this. But the first-time viewers, such as your previewer, will wonder how can the production team have found enough real-life dramas at *Jimmy's* to justify a run of four years? Presumably there hasn't been much reprocessing of material, otherwise there wouldn't be a regular audience of seven million Whatever the reason for its success, *Jimmy's* has now completed its fifth season, and a new one is planned for later this year A factor in its favour will be the historic change in the hospital's status that took place only a week or two ago It is now being run by a self-governing trust, though still under the NHS, and tonight's episode shows (all too briefly, alas) the new brooms getting together round the table for their first active session
8.00 The Bill. Internecine police politics are glimpsed as Sgt Peters (Larry Dann) and Sgt Cryer (Eric Richard) jostle for the job of duty sergeant, vacated by the late Sid Reece (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The Basingstoke Blues. The rise and fall of Basingstoke from Eighties boomtown to bust in the Nineties is mirrored by the fortunes of Basingstoke football club Denis Tuohy profiles the "Blues" and its supporters hit by the cold winds of relegation and recession (Oracle)
9.00 LA Law Glossy legal soap set in a Los Angeles law firm This week Kelsey is asked to represent an American football team who are being sued by a disgruntled fan, and Grace Van Owen defends a man accused of committing euthanasia on his terminally ill wife. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The City Programme examines why green industrialists continue to flourish, and the significance of directors dealings in their own shares
11.20 01. Includes reviews of the film *Sleeping with the Enemy* and Simon Callow's version of *Carmen Jones* at the Old Vic
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H
12.30 A Problem Aired. First of a new series of the counselling programmes presented by Dr Tom Burns and Dr John Cobb
1.00 If Tomorrow Comes Concluding part of Sidney Sheldon's mini-series starring Madolyn Smith and Tom Berenger (r)
3.00 Hardball American drama series starring John Ashton and Richard Tyson as maverick cops
4.00 Three's Company. American sitcom
4.30 America's Top Ten with Casey Kasem and Tommy Puett (r)
5.00 Videofashion. A preview of the spring/summer 1991 collections from Milan, Italy's fashion capital (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Poetry Book. Alan Bennett reads Lewis Carroll's classic *The Walrus and the Carpenter*
9.30 California Off Beat. Wayne Freedman with visual disclosures about the Hollywood stars (r)
10.00 The Horse in Sport. The Duke of Edinburgh guides us through the intricacies of equestrian driving (r)
11.00 Equinox: A Brush with the Greens. Tracing the development of an ecologically sound toothpaste (r)
12.00 The Faith of Marxism. David McLellan discusses the polarity of faith and communism with the Rev Alan Ecclestone (r)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series
2.00 *On the March. Stories from the Paris office of the pioneering cinema newsreel The March of Time, launched in 1935 (r)*
2.30 Film: Arizona Raiders (1965) Action-packed Western with Audie Murphy and Ben Cooper as the pair sentenced to hard labour by army captain Buster Crabbe However, when the captain becomes leader of the Arizona Raiders he offers the criminals a reprieve if they will join him to track down the rest of their gang A well-acted, exciting drama, that looks good, too Directed by William Witney
4.15 The White Mouse. The animated adventures of a rodent
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving quiz hosted by William G Stewart
5.00 The Adventures Of TinTin. Episode nine of *Shooting Star* (r)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show Following the sucess of the film *Green Card*, Oprah examines the unhappy side of transglobal alliances and hears bitter-sweet tales from naive women charmed into marriage by foreign Romeos
6.00 The Time Tunnel: Rendezvous with Yesterday Two scientists become trapped in the fourth dimension after building a time tunnel in the Great Western Desert, in this complete re-run of the Sixties cult sci-fi classic (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Oracle) Weather
7.50 The A-Z of Censorship. The three-minute slot focuses on Data, D-notices, Death Squads and Disinformation
8.00 Spaceship Earth: The Disappearing Forests. Using the latest satellite technology, the eighth in the series on the earth's environment focuses on global deforestation
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien helps another group through the maze in the futuristic, fantasy game show which taxes the contestants' mental and physical agility
9.30 Banned: Juvenile Liaison 2 Because of pressure from the police, and the withdrawal of consent from the families featured the original *Juvenile Liaison* which portrayed the work of the Lancashire Police Juvenile Liaison Department was eventually banned by its makers, the BFI The film showed the officers harsh interrogations of small children over minor thefts, and caused uproar in the House of Commons on its first screening in 1975 This updated version is intercut with footage from the original film. (Teletext)
11.00 Banned Mother Ireland The government's banning of interviews with terrorists originally made the transmission of this film unworkable. The programme addresses the history of Irish Nationalism from a feminist standpoint, assessing the role of the women's movement and how despite some early equality most of the political decisions have regrettably been made by men. Contributors include Bernadette MacAliskey, Rita O'Hare, Pat Murphy and Mairead Farrell, who was shot dead in Gibraltar The programme will be transmitted with all the interviews intact but replacing some of the interviewees' voices to comply with the government ban

Poetic waste of human potential: Tony Harrison (midnight)

12.00 Banned: v Starting with a meditation from a Leeds graveyard where the headstone of the poet's parents has been defaced by graffiti this powerful and controversial poem by Tony Harrison takes us on a disturbing journey through the waste of human potential and is a vivid indictment of British society (r)
12.45am Film: Mine Own Executioner. (1947, b/w) A powerful psychological melodrama with Burgess Meredith as a psychiatrist who, through a long process, diagnoses schizophrenia in a former airman (Kieron Moore) mistreated by the Japanese during the second world war who is now threatening to kill his wife Directed by Anthony Kimmins Ends at 2.45

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HTV WEST

As London except: 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Jimmy's 10.40 The West This Week 11.25 HTV Weekend Outlook 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Lifeguard 2.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance 3.25 Quiz Night 3.55 Video View 4.20 The Silk Road 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales and Westminster 10.40 Wales This Week 11.10-11.40 Coming of Age

TSW

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Green Ice 12.55 Film Eye of the Cat 2.50 CinemAttractions 3.20 Night Beat 4.20 The Comedy Store 4.35 Short Story Theatre 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 This Way Out 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Glass Babies 1.50 The World of Golf 2.20 Film: Side by Side 3.55 The Twilight Zone 4.10 Beyond 2000 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Married.. with Children 11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.05 The Equalizer 12.55 Film Eye of the Cat 2.50 CinemAttractions 3.20 Night Beat 4.20 The Comedy Store 4.35 Short Story Theatre 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 The Irish News Ulster Schools Quiz 1991 7.30-8.00 Counterpoint 10.45 Farming Ulster 11.15 Northern Ireland Export Awards 11.45 Pop Profile 12.05 The Equalizer 12.55 Film: Eye of the Cat 2.50 CinemAttractions 3.20 Night Beat 4.20 The Comedy Store 4.35 Short Story Theatre 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 Film Bean's Song 1.00 Night Heat 1.55 The Twilight Zone 2.25 America's Top Ten 2.55 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.05 *The Love Boat* 3.00 *Live at Three* 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Cannon's Law 5.20 Red and Blue 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Hands 8.05 Father Dowling 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Challenging Times 10.40 The Real McCoy 11.05 The Hitchhiker 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.35pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.35 Head of the Class 8.00 News followed by Grand Ole Opry 8.30 Marketplace 9.00 Golf 11.05 News 11.25 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 The Simpsons 8.30 Wings 9.00 Wiseguy 11.00 The Outer Limits 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.00 Daytime 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 CBS News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Friendship in Vienna (1988) The lives of two young friends are threatened by German anti-Semitism during the 1938 Nazi occupation of Austria
12.00 Farewell to the King (1988) A US army deserter (Nick Nolte) is crowned king of a Borneo tribe
2.00pm Fatso (1978). Comedy about an overweight Italian-American (Dom DeLuise) trying to diet after witnessing the death of his similarly obese cousin
4.00 Oh God! Book II (1980) George Burns returns as the Supreme Being and enlists the help of a boy to spread the word of his Second Coming
6.00 Cool Change (1979) Australian cattle men come to the aid of a young girl, threatened with eviction from her land Starring Jon Blake and Lisa Armytage
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 No Holds Barred (1989) Hulk Hogan stars as a champion wrestler fighting to regain not only his title but his integrity
9.40 Projector
10.00 Nightmare Beach (1988) Gruesome thriller about mass-murder at a beach resort
11.35 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) Razor-fingered Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) haunts the dreams of a group of teenagers
1.05am Dangerous Game (1987) A psychotic policeman lures a group of teenagers to a shopping mall and begins a deadly game of cat-and-mouse Starring Miles Buchanan and Steven Grives
2.45 Never on Tuesday (1988) A pair of teenagers are taught lessons in maturity and manners when they hitch a ride with a self-possessed young woman Starring Claudia Christian, Judd Nelson and Charlie Sheen
4.15 For Love Alone (1985) Helen Buday plays a lovelorn student in Thirties Australia, torn between her professor (Hugo Weaving) and banker Sam Neill Ends at 6.00

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 European Open Snooker 10.00 Free Style Skiing 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 World Championship Ice Hockey 1.00pm Davis Cup Tennis 3.30 Karate World Championships 4.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport News 4.30 Three-Cushion Billiards 5.30 World Strength Championships 6.00 Tennis 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Equestrianism 8.00 Motorcycling GP of Australia 9.30 Volvo Skiing 10.30 UEFA Cup Semi-Final Football 12.00 European Open Snooker 2.00am Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Stop-Supercross 8.00 Baseball 9.00 Motor Sport F3000 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 Tennis 12.30pm Ten High Britain Classic 1.00 US PGA Golf 3.00 Citroen Ski Europe 4.00 Argentinian Football 5.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 6.00 Update; NBA Basketball 8.00 Go 9.00 Live Golf. The Augusta Masters 11.00 US Pro Boxing

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New? 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox — Jukebox Top Five 12.30am Video Vote 4.00 Last Call

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.35pm Love Story (1970) Ryan O'Neal and Ali McGraw star as the young lovers whose romance turns to tragedy when she contracts a fatal illness
4.15 The Bad News Bears In Breaking Training (1977) In this sequel to *The Bad News Bears* the little league baseball team is invited to play at the Houston Astrodome
6.00 Lucky Stiff (1988) Black comedy about an obese man who is seduced by a beautiful woman who intends to serve him as the main course at her family's Christmas dinner Starring Joe Alaskey
8.00 She's Having a Baby (1987) Comedy about two newlyweds getting to grips with married life Starring Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern
10.00 The Hidden (1988) Science-fiction thriller in which two cops (Michael Nouri and Kyle McLachlan) team up to investigate a series of unearthly murders
11.40 The Bride (1985) Sting and Jennifer Beales star in the remake of *The Bride of Frankenstein*
1.40am Florida Straits (1986) After 20 years in jail, a Cuban returns to his homeland to hunt for buried treasure
3.20 The Executioner (1978) Thriller about a vendetta between two rival Malta families. Ends at 5.10

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.00pm Test Match Highlights 2.00 US Masters Golf Preview 3.00 Leyland DAF Area Final 4.00 Tuff Trax 5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 Torque 7.00 Australian Rugby League 9.00 Golf Live US Masters 11.30 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 12.30am Australian Rugby League

RADIO 3

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2.45 The Queen of Spades: A recording by Svetoslav Obretenov, Bulgarian National Chorus, Sofia Festival Orchestra under *Emil* Tchakarov of Tchaikovsky's opera. With Wieslaw Ochman, tenor, as Hermann, Stefka Evstatieva, soprano, as Lisa; Penka Dilova, mezzo, as Countess, Yuri Mazurok, baritone, as Prince Yeletsky; Ivan Konsulov, baritone, as Count Tomsky; and Stefania Toczyska, mezzo-soprano, as Pauline
5.45 Mainly for Pleasure, with Fritz Spiegl
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear Nicholas Kenyon talks to Philip Langridge, who sings the title role in the new production of Britten's opera *Peter Grimes*, opening at London's Coliseum next week
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Sixtieth Anniversary Season. Live from the Festival Hall, London, Andrew Davis conducts Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor, Op 15: with Stephen Hough, piano) 8.25 The composer Hugh Wood talks to Anthony Burton 8.45 Hugh Wood (Symphony, Op 21)
9.35 Music in Our Time London Sinfonietta under George Benjamin, with Ian Dearden, sound projection, performs Jonathan Harvey (Ritual Melodies for quadrophonic tape); Tristam Murail (Allegories — UK premiere); George Benjamin (Upon Silence — first complete performance. Fretwork, with Susan Bickley, mezzo-soprano), Denys Bouliane (A Certain Chinese Cyclopaedia — UK premiere), George Benjamin (Antara — UK premiere of revised version; Sebastian Bell, flute, Richard Blake, flute)
11.00 The Glass Enclosure (new series) Four programmes in which Alyn Shipton explores the early life in New York of the jazz pianist Bud Powell, who died in 1966, aged 41 (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mozart (Overture, Marriage of Figaro, Concert aria, Giunse alfin il momento; Al desio di chi t'adora, K 577, Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K 503. Concert aria, Ch'io mi scordi di te, K 505) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 *Prayer for the Day* 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.43 A Year in Provence: April. Written and read by Peter Mayle (4 of 5) (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Punters
9.45 Letter from . . . The Levant: In the last of the series, Tim Llewellyn considers what makes the northern Arabs so different from their Gulf cousins
10.02 News: The Natural History Programme Bird migration
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News, Citizens (s)
11.25 Conversation Piece: In the last programme of the series, Sue MacGregor talks to the cook and cookery writer John Tovey
11.50 First Person. Hannah Swanston, a theologian and admirer of Mozart, wonders why certain anniversaries are celebrated while others are *ignored*
12.00 News, You and Yours
12.25pm Second Thoughts (new series) Name, Set and Match: An eight-part comedy series by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News, Woman's Hour Jenni Murray talks to the author Helen Zahavi about sex and violence in fiction
3.00 News, After That, by Noa Kleinman Post-nuclear war England Rusty (Jane Hazelgrove) embarks on a dangerous journey to the city to find the father she has never known (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf Includes a profile of the crime-writer Ngaio Marsh
4.30 Kaleidoscope Paul Allen reviews Dennis Potter's play, *Blue Remembered Hills*, at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 Trivia Test Match (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Scales of Justice
● CHOICE. Poachers are abroad on a cold spring night by a river in Cumbria and a team of ten water-bailiffs waits for them to drop weighted hooks and snatch as many trout as they can from a pool crowded with fish. But tonight, disappointingly, only under-age small fry are out and when caught red-handed can only be cautioned Poachers generally, though, are quite prepared to face the risk of capture and it is pretty obvious, says one half-frozen bailiff, that the penalty does not fit the crime. It must pay to poach, he says
8.00 Shock Waves (new series): The Victims Civilian disasters such as the Summerland amusement park fire of 1973, the Hillsborough stadium crush of 1989 and the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987, have prompted a recent survey by Middlesex hospital's stress clinic into the effects of post traumatic stress disorder Survivors of the tragedies talk to Jenny Cuffe about their experiences and explain why they feel angry and with whom
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime Tuppence for the Rainbow, by Leslie Sands (4 of 8)
11.00 September Song Growing Up The final part of Ken Blakeson's humorous exploration of middle age (s)
11.30 33 Lines in *Who's Who* Dr John Frederick Wilkinson, aged 93, is one of Britain's oldest practising consultants Besides his many scientific discoveries, his other claims to fame *include training sea-lions* as bomb detectors and inventing the zip fly Fay Weltmerier reports (r)
12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m,FM-97.6-99.8 Radio 2: FM-88-90.2 Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m, FM-90-92.4 Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m,FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m World Service MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2 LBC: 1152kHz/261m, FM 97.3 Capital: 1548kHz/194m, FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m, FM 94.9, Melody FM 104.9

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Rap Selection 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 *Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Desmond Carrington 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines* 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor with the best in black gospel 9.45 Simply Vince Vince Hill, accompanied by Philip Hinton on the piano sings a selection of songs requested by listeners (1 of 6) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 8.30 News Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 The Health Show 0345 909 693 Alternative health for mind and body, incl 11.00, 12.00 News Sport 12.30pm Invitation to Dinner with a Gujarati family in Maes-y-Cwmmer 1.00 News Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News Sport 2.05 1 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service, incl 3.00 4.00 News Sport 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Vlad the Drac, by Ann Jungman (4 of 5) 7.35 The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett (final part) 8.05 Contact Point Children's problems 8.30 Backtrackers (new series) Pupils from Cyfarthfa High School tell the story of the Merthyr rising of 1831 9.00 Euromix 9.30 The Scorpion (new series) A six-part drama series by Johnny Quarrell set in an East End boxing club 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 Britain Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Cooking the Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report live 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Assignment 11.30 Londres Midi 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Not As Far As Velma 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf Veda 3.45 Recording of the Week 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and Britain News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 9.15 Londres Derniere 8.30 Seven Seas 9.45 The Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Global Concerns 11.20 Network UK 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Prokofiev 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seven Seas 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Not As Far As Velma 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Focus on Faith 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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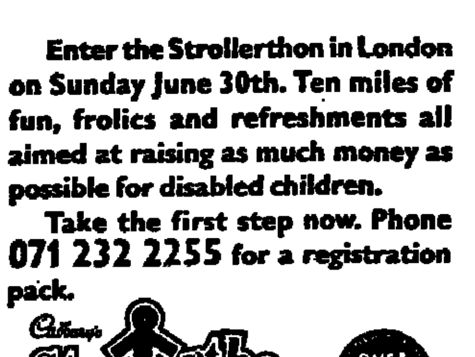

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BR to split national network into local areas

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

BRITISH Rail is to embark on one of the most far-reaching changes in the organisation of the rail network since nationalisation in 1948, John Welsby, British Rail's chief executive, said yesterday.

From the end of April, the five regions, inherited from the days of private ownership, London Midland, Eastern, Western, Southern, and Scottish, will be progressively abolished and replaced by about 20 smaller units, or profit centres.

The Railways Board will retain responsibility for strategic matters, such as investment programmes, financial targets and railway safety, but most aspects of the day-to-day running of the railway will be devolved to the profit centres.

British Rail's three passenger sectors, InterCity, Network SouthEast, and Regional Railways, will be sub-divided into several profit centres, run by a director, who will effectively own all the rolling stock, track and signalling equipment needed.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, has pledged to introduce a bill to privatise British Rail after the next general election. Transport officials are still examining the options, which include privatisation of BR as a single unit, the creation of a track authority and its break up into regional companies.

Under the reorganisation, Network SouthEast, which provides rail services in London and the South East region, will be divided into nine semi-autonomous divisions. Some of these divisions will be substantial businesses. South West, for example, which embraces all services from Waterloo, has an income of £252 million a year, employs about 8,000 staff and covers 500 route-miles. Others, such as the London, Tilbury and Southend division, with an income of £65 million, employs about 1,500 and covers 70 route-miles, will be considerably smaller.

InterCity will be divided into five route divisions. Regional Railways, which provides commuter, passenger and cross-country services, will also be split into five subdivisions.

In an effort to make each profit centre more cost conscious, charges will be levied on trains from one profit centre using the tracks of another. Directors will know exactly what they are responsible for and accountability for shortcomings will be instant. "There will be no more alibis," Mr Welsby said.

The division of the national rail network into what is effectively 20 semi-autonomous railways, is the final phase of the radical reorganisation of the rail network introduced in the early 1980s by Sir Robert Reid, the former British Rail chairman.

By reorganising British Rail's passenger sectors around the markets rather than the regions they serve, Mr Welsby is determined to bring about a substantial improvement in the quality of services. "I'm not changing the organisation for the fun of it," he said. "The changes are vital to improve the quality of service to passengers."

The move is being watched closely by continental rail organisations, particularly those in France and Germany, which are already following the example set by British Rail with the introduction of the five sectors in the 1980s.

The reorganisation is expected to take about a year to complete, and is likely to cost in the region of £50 million. Mr Welsby said that British Rail was not trying to facilitate or impede government plans to privatise the railways.

Sleek and sultry: Calvin Klein goes for satin and lace, left, Christian Francis Roth for patchwork quilting in his hobo look, right, at New York fashion launches this w

American fashion 'down home' in tweeds and tarta

From Liz Smith, Fashion Editor in New York

IN THE same week that *Time* magazine is trumpeting the joys of the simple life and the end of consumerism, New York's fashion designers on Seventh Avenue are parading the "down home" values of sensible tailoring in tweed, patchwork and tartan for next autumn. The great American fashion dream is no longer about having it all. Toned-down style is in fashion to match the new scaled-down lifestyles. As Manhattan's affluent fashion followers lock up their walk-in closets crammed with ball gowns, and say goodbye to glitz, they will not be able to protest that they have nothing to wear for the simple life and their intimate dinners at home.

Seventh Avenue designers are reaching back to their Americana roots. Christian Francis Roth, one of New York's youngest fashion stars, staged his collection in a theatre at Lincoln Centre, watched closely from an orchestra seat by the top Paris designer, Claude Montana. He works Amish patchwork-quilt patterns into long, circular skirts and suits worn with shawls and flat Amish shoes, from the Leacock family company at Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

Bill Blass emblazoned the American eagle on the pocket of camelhair jackets and simple, swing coats. But it is Calvin Klein, always a barometer of contemporary social moods, who has encapsulated the new trend for the "down home" dream with the name of his newest fragrance, due to be launched later this summer and called Escape. Just as his fragrance, Obsession, reflected the narcissistic sexuality of the Eighties and his subsequen Eternity, matched the co mood of the end of that dec Klein has anticipated the pursuit of the simple li Escape, and a typically collection of softly tailored s in muted colours. His show such understated luxuries a skin coats wrapped over a c ribbed tunic and stretch trousers.

Labour scheme for low-cost rates takes Tories unawares

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consultation papers to be published probably the week after next. Mr Heseltine promised that further "significant" details would be published before the local elections, involving 369 district councils in England and Wales, on May 2.

Labour's decision to flesh out its rates proposals followed months of goading from the Conservatives.

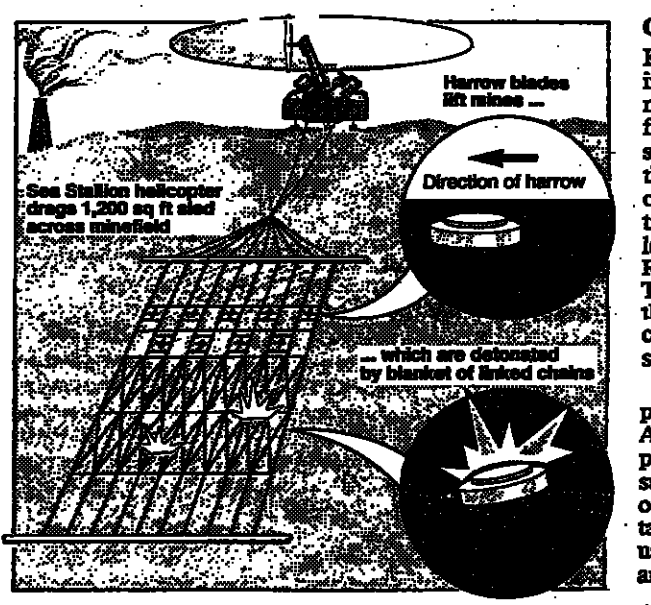
Bryan Gould took his opponents unawares by announcing his intentions on *Today* on BBC Radio 4. On the same programme, Mr Patten admitted to being "gobsmacked" by Labour's "preposterous" arithmetic. He and Mr Heseltine later issued detailed rejections of Labour's claims, which were based on the premise that its fair-rates scheme would save local chargepayers £2.8 billion in the current year.

Mr Heseltine said that Labour had double-counted the £1.25 billion cost of the community charge reduction scheme. It had mistakenly compared a reduced average rates bill with a headline poll-tax bill unadjusted for the scheme. That error accounted for £44 per head of the supposed savings, he said. Labour had also over-estimated poll tax non-payment and the costs of collection. At best, its proposals would save only £31 per head.

The Liberal Democrats also denounced Labour's figures as a "sham" and said they owed much to the party's vague plans to change the way grant is parcelled out to councils.

The centre party, which is battling to hold on to gains it made four years ago when the 12,000 seats in this round of district elections were last contested, was also entangled in an argument about figures. Paddy Ashdown, its leader, said its local income tax proposals would add 4p in the pound to the basic rate, not 7p as the Tories had claimed.

Red tape threat to oil-fire fighte


Harrow blades lift mines ...
Direction of harrow
Sea Stallion helicopter drags 1,200 sq ft sled across minefield
... which are detonated by blanket of linked chains

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Kuwait. He will also be pressing on the American government a simple method of financing the British-sponsored plan for a safe haven for the Kurds and direct recovery of the funds for Iraqi reparations payments — a 30-ins pipe leading direct from the Rumallah oilfield to Kuwait. The oilfields are now held by the allied forces and the oil could be pumped direct for sale abroad by the allies.

"Mr Major deserves support. The British, French and American taxpayers need not pay a penny more for the support of the refugees or the overthrow of this brutal dictator. The money could be used to pay off reparations and the balance used to buy food for Iraqis. Saddar lose so much face he w overthrown," he said.

With two servicen ported killed by mi recent days and six children dead in a 2 period the need for ne clearance equipment, Dr Wattenburg has oped, is paramount.

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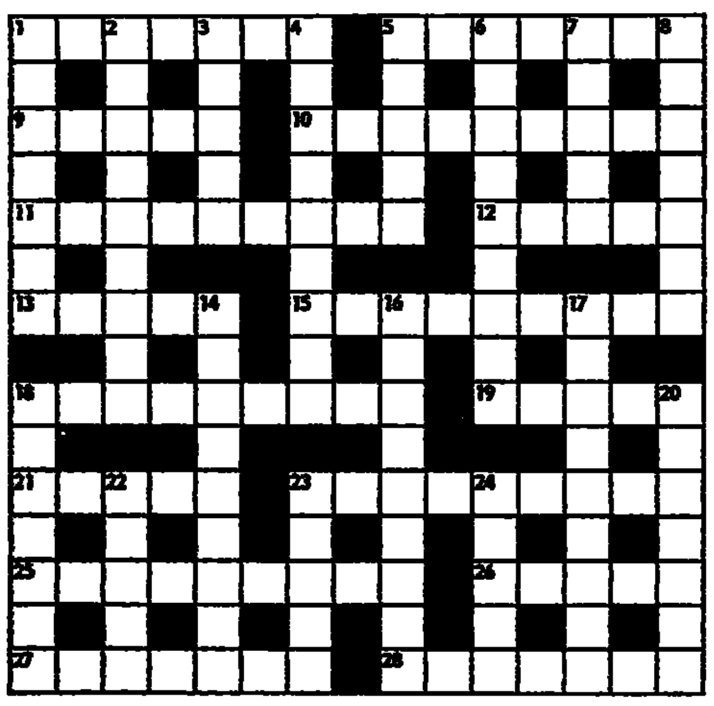

ACROSS

1 A special deal for the consumer? (7).
5 Desire to change the onset of sedentary lives (7).
9 Join the French in muddle (5).
10 She was liberated from rock stars (9).
11 Characteristic passage of writing with American rhythm (9).
12 Bar has early opening period (5).
13 Cover padre in confusion (5).
15 Neat prose — bad language (9).
18 A game for the introduction of bullish management style (9).
19 Stakes for small men (5).
21 It's not appropriate to sleep in it (5).
23 Star of the capital (9).
25 Observation from a military position (9).
26 Girl in a foreign city (5).
27 Just beginning to develop new stance (7).
28 Announcement of presence of two armies in desert (7).

DOWN

1 13 guests — extremely agitated, it's understood (7).
2 Secretly following worker (9).
3 A member giving support directly to one side (5).
4 Love considered to be sincere (9).
5 Means of detecting matter a dark star contains (5).
6 Produce underweight plant (9).
7 Lived and died on strike (5).
8 Bogus bear, not quite clean (7).
14 Being a divorcee, one's highly stressed, so to speak (9).
16 "A Miser's ______, — behold our lot" (Wordsworth) (9).
17 Society picture not used on top paper (9).
18 Black lady in the country (7).
20 Prominent bulge (7).
22 Singers originally added lustre to opera scores (5).
23 Make-up for a film (5).
24 Tell Dracula for example (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,576

D	I	S	P	O	S	S	E	S	S	■	A	R	I	A
A	■	I	■	L	■	L	■	T	■	■	■	E	■	N
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BRINDIZE
a. Marked with streaks
b. To shanghai
c. To drink the health of

APODICTIC
a. Indisputable
b. Apotropaic
c. Striking down

PARAPRAXIS
a. Mishaps in actions, speech or memory
b. Magic
c. An interpolation

TRIMURTI
a. A kind of alfalfa
b. A trainee samurai
c. The Hindu trinity

Answers on page 22, column 1

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WEATHER

For much of Scotland and Northern Ireland it will be rather cloudy with showers or longer outbreaks of rain. In eastern areas there may be some brightness. England and Wales will also be rather cloudy. The South-East, though, should be mostly dry after a little early drizzle. Further west and north there will a good deal of hill and coastal fog and some rain. Outlook: rain reaching most parts tomorrow

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Majorca	17	63	f
Akrotiri	16	61	c	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	18	64	f	Melb'rne	25	77	s
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Miami*	27	81	s
Athens	18	64	f	Milan	18	64	s
Bahrain	24	75	r	Montreal*	6	43	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	12	54	c
Barcelna	16	61	s	Munich	14	57	s
Belgrade	15	59	f	Nairobi	26	79	f
Berlin	13	55	s	Naples	21	70	s
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N Delhi	30	86	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	N York*	28	82	c
Borde'x	21	70	s	Nice	18	64	s
Brussels	17	63	s	Oslo	6	43	r
Budapest	12	54	f	Paris	18	64	s
B Aires*	20	68	f	Peking	13	55	c
Cairo	22	72	f	Perth	14	57	c
Cape Tn	22	72	f	Prague	12	54	f
C'blanca	20	68	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Chicago*	14	57	r	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rio de J	28	82	c
Cologne	17	63	s	Riyadh	22	72	r
C'phagn	10	50	s	Rome	18	64	s
Corfu	19	66	s	Salzburg	15	59	s
Dublin	13	55	c	S F'risco*	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Santiago*	21	70	c
Faro	20	68	s	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Florence	22	72	s	Seoul	21	70	c
Frankfurt	16	61	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	17	63	f	St'kholm	13	55	s
Geneva	15	59	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	21	70	c
Helsinki	7	45	c	Tangier	19	66	s
Hong K	26	79	c	Tel Aviv	17	63	c
Innsbrck	16	61	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	11	52	c	Tokyo	18	64	c
Jeddah	30	86	s	Toronto*	17	63	f
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Tunis	18	64	s
Karachi	30	86	f	Valencia	18	64	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	f
Le Touqt	18	64	f	Venice	18	64	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Vienna	11	52	c
Locarno	19	66	c	Warsaw	7	45	c
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wash'ton*	26	79	s
Luxembg	15	59	s	Wel'nton	12	54	r
Luxor	28	82	s	Zurich	15	59	s
Madrid	20	68	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.20
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.20	60.20
Canada $	2.17	2.02
Denmark Kr	11.75	11.25
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.97
France Fr	10.49	9.84
Germany Dm	3.11	2.91
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.60	13.60
Ireland Pt	1.168	1.098
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	257.50	240.50
Netherlands Gld	3.495	3.285
Norway Kr	12.11	11.41
Portugal Esc	269.50	253.50
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.59
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7200	6400
USA $	1.88	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.64 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.0	-	12	54	bright
Anglesey	2.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Belfast	0.5	.06	12	54	rain
Birmingham	5.6	-	14	57	bright
Blackpool	3.2	-	13	55	bright
Bristol	6.6	-	14	57	sunny
Buxton	5.0	-	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	6.5	-	14	57	bright
Colwyn Bay	4.5	-	13	55	bright
Douglas	2.3	-	11	52	cloudy+
Edinburgh	3.1	.01	14	57	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.7	.04	8	46	rain
Falmouth	1.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Folkestone	4.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	1.1	.11	12	54	rain
Kinloss	3.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	5.1	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	0.2	.06	9	48	rain
London	6.8	-	16	61	sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	-	16	61	sunny
Manchester	2.1	-	14	57	bright
Margate	X	-	16	61	sunny
Minehead	8.9	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	0.5	-	12	54	dull
Newcastle	X	-	13	55	bright
Nottingham	4.4	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Scarborough	5.9	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Shanklin	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Southend	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Southsea	-	-	10	50	cloudy
St. Ives	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Swanage	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Teignmouth	6.3	-	11	52	bright
Tenby	1.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	-	.13	10	50	drizzle
Torquay	3.1	-	11	52	bright
Weymouth	-	-	10	50	dull
Wick	2.0	-	11	52	bright

These are Tuesday's figures

MANCHESTER

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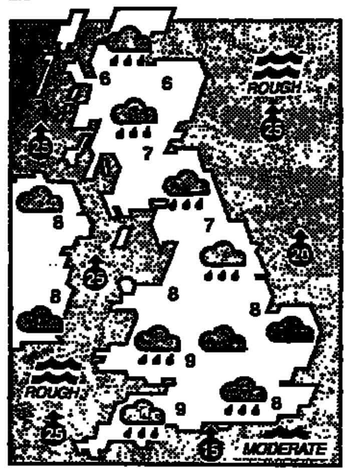

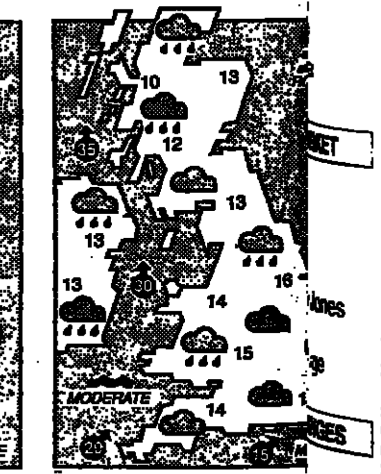

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	r	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'rmghm	14	57	c	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	11	52	c	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	16	61	s	London	17	63	s
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	12	54	c	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	10	50	r	R'nldsway	9	48	r

Sun rises: 6.15 am
Sun sets: 7.50 pm
Moon rises 4.41 am
Moon sets 4.04 pm
New moon April 14

LIGHTING-UP TI

London 7.50 pm to 6.13 am
Bristol 7.59 pm to 6.22 am
Edinburgh 8.10 pm to 6.17 am
Manchester 8.02 pm to 6.18 am
Penzance 8.09 pm to 6.37 am

HIGHEST & LOWE

Tuesday: day temp: London West and Coningsby, Lincolnshire, lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Du Galloway, 8C (46F); highest rai Hebrides and Machrihanish, Kinty highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge			12.26	6.0
Aberdeen	11.48	3.5		
Avonmouth	5.26	10.9	5.51	11.1
Belfast	9.18	2.9	9.54	2.9
Cardiff	5.11	10.2	5.36	10.4
Devonport	3.58	4.7	4.39	4.7
Dover	9.42	5.5	9.56	5.8
Falmouth	3.28	4.5	4.09	4.5
Glasgow	11.28	4.0	11.59	4.0
Harwich	10.25	3.4	10.35	3.3
Holyhead	8.54	4.8	9.26	4.8
Hull	4.55	6.0	4.53	6.4
Ilfracombe	4.24	7.5	4.49	7.6
King's Lynn	5.04	5.2	5.06	5.5
Leith	12.58	4.5	1.09	4.7

TODAY	AM	HT
Liverpool	9.43	8.0
Lowestoft	8.30	2.0
Margate	10.35	4.0
Milford Haven	4.39	5.7
Newquay	3.35	5.8
Oban	4.25	3.4
Penzance	3.05	4.7
Portland	4.46	1.6
Portsmouth	9.35	3.7
Shoreham	9.43	5.1
Southampton	9.26	3.8
Swansea	4.36	7.7
Tees	2.04	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	10.21	3.6

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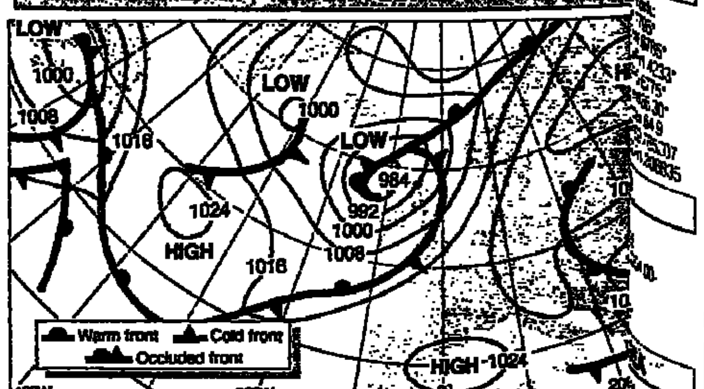
NOON TODAY



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Procter & Gamble agrees $1.14bn deal with Revlon

From Philip Robinson in New York

PROCTER & Gamble, the American detergents company that owns Old Spice, Oil of Ulay and Camay soap, is buying Max Factor and Mary Quant Make-up for $1.14 billion cash from Revlon, the cosmetics company.

The deal, among the largest ever in the $16 billion world-wide make-up, perfume and aftershave market, appears to have shut out Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch soaps and fragrances group which owns Elizabeth Taylor's Passion, Elizabeth Arden, Fabergé and Calvin Klein and was a favourite to buy large parts of the Revlon businesses. Ronald Perelman, Revlon's chief executive, said last night he had received numerous enquiries from potential buyers for other parts of his beauty empire. A Revlon spokesman declined to say whether Unilever was among them.

Unilever has already said it needs American acquisitions to redress a fall in North American contributions to group profits, now down to 20 per cent. The company has spent more than $5 billion over the past five years on acquisitions in the American fragrances market and faces significant competition in establishing new brand names there. L'Oreal, the world's largest cosmetics group, is also understood to be a potential buyer for other Revlon products, which include Charlie and Jontue perfumes and the Flex hair care line.

Procter & Gamble, America's largest household products group, selling brands such as Tide and Bounce, now earns half its sales from personal care products and has ambitions to build up the cosmetics, perfume and aftershave business world-wide. Its leading Cover Girl make-up line accounts for almost a quarter of the market.

Analysts say the significance of the Max Factor deal is the strong world-wide business in Britain, Japan and Continental Europe where sales last year reached $600 million.

The Betrix cosmetics companies based in Germany, whose leading brands include Ellen Betrix, Henry M Betrix, Street Life, Laura Biagiotti and Hugo Boss are included in the deal. Procter & Gamble will also receive manufacturing facilities in Germany, Mexico, Japan and in Britain at Bournemouth, Dorset.

The sale will allow Mr Perelman to repay $800 million worth of bank debt due next year and could also mean he would buy back $1.1 billion of junk bond financing. Revlon, whose board members include Henry Kissinger and Nancy Reagan, is America's largest cosmetics group after Avon but has been under pressure to repay $2 billion of debt.

Part of this was incurred in 1987 when Mr Perelman took the company private after winning control in an acrimonious takeover fight in the early Eighties.

Analysts say that Revlon's cash flow has been insufficient to cover $2 billion worth of repayments to banks due in the next three years and that more assets will have to be sold.

BAA to go for fifth terminal at Heathrow

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

A PLANNING application will be made next month for a fifth terminal at Heathrow airport to cope with the huge increase in international passengers predicted at Britain's premier airport.

Cathay Pacific yesterday became the latest airline to win permission to fly to Heathrow and will start flights, in direct competition with British Airways, from May 1. Until now, Cathay has been forced to fly to Gatwick.

Permission to build a new £1.5 billion terminal, capable of handling 30 million passengers a year, will be sought by BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, after a board meeting in May.

The proposal, which is bound to lead to a long and bitterly contested public enquiry, has been forced on BAA because of recent changes in the rules governing which airlines can use Heathrow.

Ten carriers which, until now, have been barred from Heathrow, have succesfully applied to land there, putting the existing terminals at serious risk of over-crowding.

No agreement has yet been reached over the vexed question of who should pay for the necessary improvements to the airport access roads.

The change in the rules, which has allowed the new airlines to move in has opened up BA to fierce international competition and the airline is determined to ensure that the new terminal — which will take at least ten years to complete, including five years for the enquiry — should be given over to its exclusive use. BAA is certain to resist such a move and will try to involve as many airlines as possible.

Meanwhile, Thames Water is also poised to announce that it has chosen a site near Slough, a few miles from Heathrow, for sludge drying beds and its announcement, timed to coincide with BAA's own planning submission, will spark strong opposition from local residents.

BA, meanwhile, which is already fighting off attacks from airlines across the Atlantic on its Heathrow base, now faces the opening of a "second front" in the East.

Cathay Pacific, which operates on the highly profitable Hong Kong route, is to begin daily non-stop services to the crown colony from Heathrow in direct competition with BA.

Cathay's European general manager, John Olsen, made it plain yesterday that the airline will be going for BA's throat with a determined drive to capture the high-yield business market, which still gravitates to Heathrow rather than to Gatwick.

"We want the British Airways first and business class passengers, and we are prepared to spend a great deal of money in promoting our new service to get them," he said.

Cathay immediately applied for, and got, the "perfect" take-off slot time of 9pm, arriving in Hong Kong at 5pm the following day. The airline will continue with its Gatwick service, stopping at Bahrain or Paris as well as serving Manchester.

☐ The American transportation department said yesterday it would give Kirk Kerkorian's Tracinda Corp until Friday to explain its proposal for Trans World Airlines, apparently forestalling the sale of TWA's London routes to American Airlines.

Federal authorities have been expected to make a final ruling soon on the TWA-American proposals. But Tracinda has said it and three labour unions have agreed to make a joint offer for TWA, but only if it retains the transatlantic routes.

Long anticipated: Tony Gartland, the Yorkshireman who turned Sowerby Bridge parking meter maker FKI Electricals into a £1 billion company and then broke it up when disenchanted, has resigned from his post as chairman. His 5.5 per cent stake has been placed with institutions at 55.5p a share, realising £13.6 million.

Accountants seek to plug reports loopholes

By John Bell, business editor

THE Accounting Standards Board (ASB) has unveiled tough financial reporting proposals that aim to close many loopholes exploited by creative accountants.

Companies will be less able to fudge the effect of acquisitions and disposals on annual profits or to boost reported earnings per share by excluding so-called extraordinary items from the calculation. The timed changes will also require property and other companies to make a prominent statement of profits excluding any asset revaluations.

In another departure from current practice, the ASB proposes a separate statement of changes in balance sheet reserves that will highlight, among other information, foreign currency losses, which in Polly Peck's accounts were shown merely as notes to the balance sheet. The ASB, which took over as the profession's leading rule-making body last year, disclosed its proposals in a discussion draft yesterday.

They are part of what David Tweedie, the chairman, described this year as a move to "turn the shape of accounts upside down".

The Board seeks initial views from interested parties by May 7 before it issues a full-blown exposure draft for expensive discussion with companies, accountants and investors.

The heart of the draft is a four-column profit and loss account giving details of previously continuing operations, acquisitions and discontinued operations as well as totals. Immediately below the profit and loss account, the board proposes a new note detailing realised profits, property disposals and consequent depreciation and tax adjustments. This is to be followed by a statement of reserve movements.

The board accepts that it is working against a background of growing disquiet over reporting standards in the wake of some spectacular company failures where published accounts gave little or no hint of problems.

The ASB says that the existing structure of profit and loss accounts is inadequate because companies have flexibility to treat some losses and provisions as extraordinary items, especially where they involve disposals or termination of activities.

Such extraordinary items are excluded from pre-tax profit and earnings per share. The draft proposes treating all discontinued activities as exceptional items but nevertheless part of a company's ordinary activities.

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Southend bids for Frogmore Estates

By Our City Staff

TAKEOVER activity has returned to the battle-scarred property sector, with Southend Property Holdings unveiling a £136 million hostile bid for Frogmore Estates.

Frogmore shares jumped 17p to 349p, while Southend's dropped 5p to 105p, in response to an offer that would see 112 million new shares being issued. Southend is offering 3.1 new shares for each Frogmore share, with no cash alternative.

Malcolm Dagul, Southend's chairman, said "informal chats" between the companies had been held over the past nine months.

However, the offer was immediately rejected by Frogmore, where Dennis Cope, chairman, said it was an attempt to buy his company at a "significant undervalue". He added: "The philosophies of the two businesses are significantly different."

Southend has already acquired a 9.99 per cent stake in Frogmore at a cost of £12.9 million, paying de Zoete & Bevan, the broker, 323p a share in cash. The money used to acquire the stake has been raised by a conditional placing of 14.2 million new shares at 100p a share.

De Zoete & Bevan, which has a call option over a further 9.99 per cent of Frogmore, has agreed to accept the Southend offer, unless a higher offer materialises.

Restyled Next loses £220m

By Matthew Bond

NEXT, the furnishings-to-fashion group, has returned to its high street roots. But the restructuring that got it there has produced total losses of more than £220 million.

The huge losses were in line with forecasts contained in a circular sent to shareholders in February, detailing the disposal of Grattan, Next's mail order business. As Next indicated then, there is no final dividend (2p), although an interim dividend of 0.7p (2.7p) was paid.

Grattan was finally sold for £165 million, £25 million more than was on the table at the time. However, subsequent to the circular the board has decided to make a full provision of £17.5 million against its stake in BSkyB, the satellite television group.

Lord Wolfson, Next's chairman, said: "We can now concentrate on getting the business back to where it was five years ago."

David Jones, chief executive, denied that with the restructuring now complete, he would be leaving. "I'm staying and always have been staying," he said. In the year to end-January, Next made a pre-tax loss of £40.7 million, after taking exceptional provision of £33.5 million against its Club 24 credit business. In 1989, the company made a pre-tax loss of £46.7 million.

A £77.4 million loss realised on the disposal of Grattan was the main element of an extraordinary provision of £170.2 million. A £50 million provision was taken against its property development business that was sold in November.

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The Blue Arrow trial

Broker denies knowing of stakes

By Angela Mackay

THE former chairman of County NatWest Securities denied that he had always known there were large parcels of Blue Arrow shares held by another part of his own organisation and the stockbroker, UBS Phillips & Drew.

Under cross examination by Jeremy Roberts, QC, for Jonathan Cohen, the former chief executive of County NatWest, Philip Rimell said he did not know about the two stakes until December 1987, three months after the record £837 million Blue Arrow rights issue was completed.

Mr Roberts suggested to Mr Rimell that his evidence was designed to push back the notice of his intention to depart CNWS to make it look as though he did not play a major role in management at the time of the rights issue. Mr Rimell said this was not the case.

Earlier, the witness had said about 31 million shares from the rump of the rights issue had been thrust upon CNWS against his will by Mr Cohen and others and that he had all but withdrawn from management decisions because he had told Mr Cohen he intended to leave the group by the end of the year.

Mr Rimell rejected an assertion that his knowledge about the Blue Arrow rights issue was "a useful negotiating tool" in discussions about his departure. He was given an ex-gratia payment of about £180,000 when he left CNWS.

Three corporate defendants, County NatWest, its parent, NatWest Investment Bank, and UBS Phillips & Drew, along with seven individuals, all deny conspiring to mislead the market over the rights issue in September 1987 to fund Blue Arrow's takeover of Manpower, its American rival.

Mr Rimell also denied that "a central and essential part of his evidence" had been fabricated. Mr Rimell had said he called his colleague, Peter Dale, the managing director of CNWS, who was in the United States on holiday, to tell him about the 31 million shares and that Mr Dale said he already knew and that the deal was done. Mr Rimell said Mr Dale returned within 48 hours and assumed managment of the stake.

Mr Rimell accepted Mr Roberts' assertion that Mr Dale had already returned from holiday and that at the time of the call on September 28, 1987, Mr Dale was in the Far East on business and he did not return until October 12.

Under cross examination by Alun Jones, QC, for Stephen Clark, CNW's finance director, Mr Rimell said some of the defendants had told lies about him and said that one of his work relationships had deteriorated towards the end of 1987.

He described Mr Cohen as an "unbelievably awful" manager of CNWS staff and said the division was a "very unhappy place at the time". Mr Rimell agreed that Mr Dale was a hard working man who often started work meetings with a quotation from The Bible. He said he did not know if Mr Dale was an Old Etonian and a Mason nor if he dressed-up as Admiral Nelson and played Chariots of Fire theme music while making an out-of-town presentation.

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Disposals to fund BP oil search

BRITISH Petroleum will spend $4 billion a year on oil exploration during the next five years and will fund a quarter of that from asset sales. Rodney Chase, the chief executive for the western hemisphere, said the group would generate the other $3 billion a year from internal cashflow.

He did not identify which properties BP planned to sell but added that the properties would be small and scattered throughout the portfolio.

BP has been maintaining its worldwide exploration spending at this level for the last two years.

Europa rebels are defeated

The board of Europa Minerals, the mining and exploration group, has defeated rebel shareholders who wanted to unseat three directors and replace them with their own nominees. The three directors were re-elected by a three-to-one majority.

Shareholders were told that management changes had been made and others were planned with the aim of restoring shareholders' value. However, Alastair Holberton, for the rebel shareholders, said that "the jury is still out" as far as the changes are concerned.

Cory plan for biggest green power station

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A REQUEST to build Britain's biggest "green" power station, capable of burning almost half of London's domestic rubbish, is expected within the next few days by the energy department.

Cory Environmental, part of Ocean Group, says the cost of the station, to generate more than 100 megawatts, would not exceed £200 million. The plant's power capacity is more than twice that of any previous application for aid from the government's non fossil fuel levy, intended to encourage power generation from renewable sources.

Cory hopes to build the plant on the 12½ acre site of a former RTZ borax manufacturing works beside the River Thames at Belvedere, in south east London.

Two-thirds of the 1½ million tonnes of rubbish that the plant could burn in a year would be brought by barge, the rest by road. After the extraction of metal for recycling, the ash, equalling up to one third the weight of the original rubbish, would be removed by barge and used for landfill. It would probably be dumped at Muckley, Essex, where Cory buries 550,000 tonnes of London rubbish a year under contract for five London boroughs.

Jeremy Sayers, chief executive of Ocean's Environmental division, indicated that Cory might be interested in building more such plants.

If approved, the Belvedere plant will employ Swiss technology.

Although 300 power-from-rubbish plants are operating worldwide, Belvedere would be one of the biggest.

Ocean Group yesterday made a £88.1 million rights issue call on the basis of one-for-four at 295p, saying it will use the money to erase debt.

Pre-tax profits for the year ended December were £48 million (£46.1 million) from a turnover of £1.1 billion (£1.04 billion).

A final dividend of 9.53p (9.19p) makes 14.2p (13.43p) for the year.

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Cutting debt: Ashley Ward (left) and Keith Mellors, chairman, of Wharfedale

Profit feedback at Wharfedale

WHARFEDALE, the loudspeaker and electronic products company, has announced a £2.5 million placing and open offer to reduce its debts and a capital reconstruction to enable a return to the dividend list next year (Jonathan Prynn writes). The company also unveiled a £106,000 interim pre-tax profit to end-December against a £319,000 loss. Earnings per share fell to 0.2p (0.7p) because of recent share issues.

Second half trading in all divisions was hit by the collapse in consumer confidence during the Gulf war, but is recovering, Ashley Ward, the chief executive, said. No interim dividend is being paid as the company has a deficit on the profit and loss account. A capital reconstruction requiring High Court authorisation will eliminate the deficit and allow a dividend for the year ending June next year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Results advance 32 at Haden MacLellai

PRE-TAX profits at Haden MacLellan Holdings, the eering group, advanced 32 per cent to £23.6 million on over of £354 million (£307 million) in the year t December. However, Philip Ling, the chairman, sai 1991 is proving difficult, with economic uncertainties trading areas.

A strong cash flow and the sale of subsidiaries reverse the group's net borrowing position from million, at the end of 1989, to a net cash balance million. Earnings per share rose to 20p (18.1p). Th dividend is 5p (4.5p), making 8p (7p) for the year. Re ancies at Haden's Belgian subsidiary resulted in an ordinary charge of £1.18 million. The shares rose 5p to

Irish Sugar to go public

IRELAND'S first big privatisation will raise Ir£85 million (£76 million) when a majority stake in Greencore, the holding company for Irish Sugar, is offered in Dublin and London this month. About 39.5 million shares are being offered, with 33 million priced at Ir230p and 6.5 million shares earmarked for employees and sugar beet growers at Ir184p. Greencore will be valued at Ir£192 million.

EC approv ferry write-

THE European Comm has approved the Re of Ireland's plans to w £28 million in debts a by the B&I ferry line republic is selling the I and Irish Lines gro Irish Ferries. The mission can block moves but said it clear write-off because it help secure the future group and transport from a country on th skirts of the EC.

Stylo profits halved

PRE-TAX profits at Stylo, the footwear retailer, have than halved, in spite of an 18 per cent increase in s £87.5 million. In the year to February 2, the company pre-tax profits of *£1.67 million, down from £3.99 milli* year before.

Trading profits fell from £5.1 million to £4.1 millio the pre-tax figure additionally hit by a 39 per cent jump interest charge to £2.7 million. Earnings per share fel 14.52p to 4.07p, but the company is maintaining its fin only dividend at 9p a share.

Proudfoot lifts payout

ALEXANDER Proudfoot, the management consultancy group, raised its final dividend to 13p (7.75p) after pre-tax profits advanced *from £38.4 million to £46* million last year. Turnover grew to £178.5 million (£143.4 million). Earnings per share were 47.5p (37.3p), with fully diluted earnings at 43.4p (34.6p). The total dividend was 19p (11.25p). The shares gained 14p to 414p.

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TREUHAND, the G agency in charge of pr ing, rescuing or windi state-owned eastern G firms, said it plans to *commercial paper to* growing capital needs volume and timing issue would depend o ket conditions. The ag financing needs will 28 billion marks this compared with expecte enue of 14 billion mar

COMPANY BRIEFS

BILTON (PERCY) (Fin) Pre-tax: £16.3m (£17.6m) EPS: 25.8p (28.3p) Div: 12.04p, mkg 17.44p	Last time's total dividend was 16.61p. Net asset value a sha rose to 720p (712p). Turnover slipped to £31.3m (£37.5m).
AVONMORE FOODS (Fin) Pre-tax: £13.3m (£13.2m) EPS: 9.00p (8.95p) Div: 1.5p, mkg 2.75p	All figures are in Irish curren Last time's total dividend w Extraordinary debit of £200 Turnover grew to £500m (£
HERRING SON & DAW Pre-tax: £3.49m (£3.43m) EPS: 19.5p (19.9p) Div: 3.5p, mkg 6.5p	Final results. Last time's tot dividend was 5.75p. Extraor debit of £170,000 *(nil)*. Turnover rose to £12.7m (£
FBD HOLDINGS (Fin) Pre-tax: £8.11m (£6.67m) EPS: 11p (9.6p) Div: 1.7p, mkg 3p (1.3p)	All figures are in Irish curre Turnover increased to £56. (£47.6m). Company is tradi well in the current year.
DAGENHAM MOTORS Pre-tax: £3.41m (£3.54m) EPS: 13.7p (14.5p) Div: 4p, mkg 5.75p	Final results. Last time's to dividend was 5.25p. Fully d earnings per share, 12.6p (Turnover fell to £125m (£12
BRABANT RESOURCES Pre-tax: £364,000 EPS: 5.1p (LPS: 4.0p) Div: Nil	Final results. Latest figures for nine months. Loss last £128,000. Board confident tained progress in current y
WM SINDALL (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.69m (£2.48m) EPS: 14.37p (23.56p) Div: 4.5p, mkg 6p (6p)	Fully diluted earnings, 14.20 (20 96p). Turnover was £85 (£67.5m). Exceptional debit of £1.25m (£1.33m).
CAIRN ENERGY (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £334,000 LPS: 1.52p (EPS: 7.54p) Div: Nil (nil)	Last time's profit was £1.22 Interest charges were £993 against receipts of £324,00 time. Turnover £9.9m (£3.5
HOUSE OF LEROSE (Fin) Pre-tax: £854.000 EPS: 11.6p (14.7p) Div: 7.3p, mkg 10.3p	Last time's profit was £1.07 time's total dividend was 10 Closure costs resulted in an extraordinary debit of £334,

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Commenting in his Annual Statement to shareholders, the Chairman, The Rt Hon The Earl of Airlie, says:

"During the course of last year, a comprehensive strategic review of your Company's worldwide activities was undertaken. This included the development of a Mission Statement (set out alongside). The Statement highlights our principal objective of creating long-term value for shareholders, founded on financial stability and strength, and includes reference to our traditional high standard of customer service and operational excellence.
Following this review, a number of initiatives have been undertaken and others are planned, the results of which, we believe, will bring considerable benefits to your Company in the coming years.

DIVIDEND
Your Board is recommending a total dividend of 26.75p per share, an increase of 7.0% over the previous year. Your Board feels justified in recommending this increase on the grounds of the Company's balance sheet strength, our commitment to a steady and progressive dividend policy and the potential for a recovery in underwriting profitability arising from measures taken and planned.

PROSPECTS
Within a period of no more than three years, I have reported both the best and the worst results on record. This demonstrates the major fluctuations in underwriting experience which have become a feature of general insurance markets in recent years and with which we have had to contend.
We expect to see an improvement in the results for this year, but they are likely to remain unsatisfactory. Nevertheless, we shall be working hard to restore our profitability and, whatever the short-term problems may be, we have every confidence in achieving this goal."

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Our Mission Statement

"Our goal is to create long-term value for shareholders by producing superior sustained returns.

The core of our business will be satisfying customer needs for insurance products and services. In addition, we will offer financial and related services where they support those needs. We will have a global capability, aiming to be a significant operator in attractive markets.

We will focus on the needs of customers, both intermediaries and policyholders, by providing those products and services that meet our customers' requirements for quality, and by controlling our costs so that we offer customers maximum value.

We will also strengthen our access to customers through effective means of distribution.

To enable us to achieve our goal we will foster an environment in which all our employees can play their full part. We will do this by promoting the corporate values of financial strength and stability, integrity and dedication, teamwork and effective communication, innovation, personal development, planning, accountability and rewards linked to performance."

(General Accident's Mission Statement, developed as part of a strategic review undertaken in 1990)

MAIN OPERATING FEATURES 1990

- *General premiums increase over 9% in currency to* £3.046*m*
- *Investment earnings almost 4% higher in currency at* £430*m*
- *Worldwide underwriting losses rise to* £462*m – half of which came in the* UK
- *Pre-tax loss* £121.3 *m* (1989: £147.0*m profit*)
- *Severe weather claims, subsidence and poor commercial fire and motor experience were major factors affecting the* UK *result*
- UK *premium rates to rise again – and more frequently*
- *Results in North America – particularly Canada – outperform the market*
- NZI *Bank reports profit in the fourth quarter and year-end losses sharply down*
- *Good progress in* UK *life operations*
- *Total dividend up 7% at 26.75p per share*

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

In his Operational Review of 1990, General Accident's Chief Executive, Mr Nelson Robertson, says:

"Following the strategic review undertaken last year, specific actions have been identified, and are in hand, to build on the particular strengths of our individual businesses worldwide. These actions are being supported by the introduction, where appropriate, of more flexible organisational structures and the further development of our strategic and operational planning systems. Our prime task in the period immediately ahead remains the restoration of an acceptable underwriting result. Efforts are being, and will continue to be, directed to this end, including the prompt application of stringent underwriting and rating measures where required, and the continuing improvement of our operating methods to achieve cost and efficiency advantages.

UNITED KINGDOM
The adverse underwriting results experienced by the market in 1990, together with substantial increases in the cost of reinsurance protection for the current year, emphasise the urgent need to raise premium levels in all classes. In this regard, and irrespective of the response of other insurers in the market, the Company is taking, and will continue to take, the necessary action. In addition, a reorganisation of regional and Head Office structures is in progress, including the rationalisation of staffing levels, with a view to reducing our operating expenses. Our branch structure continues to provide local service throughout the U.K. and the reorganisation will increase the effectiveness of these units in providing high standards of customer service. Initiatives are in hand to strengthen our links with certain intermediaries, including the enhancement of our distribution arrangements through new agreements with selected partners.
By these several actions, General Accident is pursuing its primary objective of restoring an acceptable underwriting result.

LOOKING AHEAD
General Accident remains financially strong, and we look forward with determination to the challenges and opportunities ahead."

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Nelson Robertson, Chief Executive

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 177th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 7th May 1991 at 2.30pm for the following purposes:

To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1990 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.

To elect Directors

To appoint Auditors

To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:

"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."

To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

Forms of Proxy for the use of Members of the Society who are unable to be present at the Meeting, but who may wish to vote thereat, may be obtained on application to the undersigned. To be effective Proxies must reach the Society's Head Office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

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Among the more bizarre by-products of the flexibility which is currently permissible was the case of the electronic components group Farnell which after the 1987 stock market crash treated losses on its share portfolio as extraordinary yet had in happier times taken profits from its share dealings above the line.

Even ICI which is stuffed with accountants and has access to the best advice money can buy has taken £44 million of restructuring costs below the line when the relevant accounting standard appears to suggest it should have done otherwise. The ASB has recognised that the standard SSAP 6 fails to give unambiguous guidance and instead proposes an approach close to US practice. Costs and benefits relating to discontinued activities should be taken as all in a day's work and treated as part of taxable income and outgoings. This would make the truly extraordinary item a rare one indeed.

The ASB builds on this conservatism by opting for the logical conclusion that earnings per share should be calculated after even the few remaining extraordinary items which might occur. This is the most controversial element of its discussion draft and one which will not commend itself to companies which actively reshape themselves to stay lean and fit. But this treatment removes all possibility of ambiguity and fudge and thus has a great deal to commend it.

Meanwhile, users of company accounts will find the new presentation of profit and loss plus its accompanying statements on reserves and realised profit a considerable advance. The reserve statement would certainly have highlighted the extraordinary currency losses borne by Polly Peck. But it is nonetheless a chastening thought that the details were there for all to see albeit buried in voluminous balance sheet notes.

Other items still under consideration by the ASB are a requirement to disclose details of discretionary expenses such as R&D, training, advertising and major maintenance programmes. Every good finance director knows that these can be cut or boosted according to taste so masking underlying profits from mainstream trading. The ASB feels that shareholders might like to be allowed to know too.

Next life

Since the spectacular ousting of founder George Davies, Next seems to have been the company that could do nothing right. But slowly that appears to be changing. Two months ago the company succeeded in selling something for more than it anticipated, when Grattan went for £165 million, £25 million more than the originally agreed price.

For an accident prone company that seemed firmly stuck in a groove of forecasting bad news and then reporting even worse, it was a refreshing change, even if the Grattan sale still crystallised a £77.4 million loss. Yesterday this more positive trend just about continued, when the company succeeded in reporting losses no worse than the £222 million it forecast in February.

The losses should mark the end of the damage caused by the company's massive expansion, when Mr Davies was still at the helm. Ironically the restructuring leaves the company back in the high street selling clothes — where it started and where it should have stayed. With no borrowings post-Grattan, Next has become a pure retail recovery stock.

That is probably no comfort to existing shareholders, many of whom are nursing huge losses on their holdings. However, for first time buyers the company could begin to have attractions.

Sales in its 337 shops are marginally up on last year, and would be better still but for the sexist impact of the recession, which has hit menswear sales hard. The retail recovery scenario is well charted. All Next needs now is a little bit of design flair and razzamatazz. But there are 220 million reasons why one ideally qualified candidate won't be getting a call.

Tension rises as Japanese trade surplus widens again

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Policy change: Ryutaro Hashimoto, finance minister

As Japan's new export target market, Asia is expected by Mr Summerville, to account for 35 per cent of exports in fiscal 1991, worth $106 billion, with America accounting for 34 per cent ($105 billion) and Europe 23 per cent ($72 billion). By the turn of the century, America's importance to Japan as an export market will have dwindled to a mere 20 per cent, while Asia's share will have grown to 45 per cent and Europe's to 25 per cent.

Completing the other side of the equation producing the growing surpluses is Japan's declining import growth, which has been driven over the past three years by the engine of private domestic demand. This is showing clear signs of weakening.

Leading indicators such as car sales and private construction orders have declined, and the rate of private domestic demand for the third quarter of last year showed a disappointing 0.2 per cent rise compared with the previous quarter. Analysts are forecasting slow real income growth due to consumer price inflation and also due to this year's low nominal wage increases averaging 5.56 per cent.

Further cramping import growth is the decline in industrial demand, which normally accounts for almost 70 per cent of total imports and cheaper international commodity prices.

Given the anticipated ballooning of Japan's trade surplus, Tokyo is likely to be the target of fresh criticism from its already irritated trading partners, Washington in particular.

The strategic shift away from America as leading export market is likely to have widespread political as well as economic ramifications.

"The diversification away from America as leading export market will mean Japan becomes less vulnerable to US political pressure," Mr Summerville said.

The Asian block can already generate sufficient internal growth to weather economic storms raging in other parts of the world. The combined gross national products of the eight core Asian countries with which Japan trades — China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia — is now just under $1,000 billion.

With recessions in the America and Canada, and slow growth in Europe this year, these eight countries will produce more new buying power than North America and the European Community combined.

Britain and the rest of the EC should also prepare for surging trade imbalances with Japan. John Major, the prime minister, sent representatives of the trade department to Tokyo only two weeks ago to express his concern that Britain's trade imbalance with Japan is the worst of all G7 countries.

For every one unit that Britain exports to Japan, Japan exports 2.1 units to Britain. The ratio for America is 1.7 and for Germany 1.5, while the ratios of France, Italy, and Canada are in their favour.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, was in Tokyo last month to voice "alarm at the staggering trade imbalance" between the EC and Japan that grew to $1 billion in January, three times as much as that recorded in January 1990.

No matter how much of an ear-wigging British, European or American political leaders and trade negotiators give Japan in an attempt to reduce its stubborn trade surplus, it will likely be to no avail. They should expect to be increasingly alarmed.

JOANNA PITMAN
Tokyo

Shares threaten to become a victim of RMC's success

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TO SOME, the relief that greeted the absence of a rights issue from RMC Group yesterday, hoisting the share price 12p to 698p at one point, presented a fresh selling opportunity. After all, RMC shares sell at a premium to a sector that has another year of falling profits to report, and its prime advantage, a dominant position in the German market, suddenly looks less frothy than it did.

RMC's problem is that it suffers from being judged by its own standards. A true blue chip company, with a compelling honesty abouts its performance and its views, its shares are rightly highly rated, but that can leave little for the investor to go for when the outlook is less favourable.

And RMC is in no doubt that things will get rougher before they improve in the UK, where profits crumbled from £132 million to £89.7 million last year and face further contraction this year, with concrete volumes currently down by 12 per cent or more, and margins feeling the pressure too.

Indeed, German concrete margins now exceed those in the UK for the first time, as RMC begins to reap a reunification dividend. But even here the group has a word of warning, as it adjusts to the slower pace of expansion being dictated by the contingent economic problems.

RMC's international strength — overseas profits outweighed UK earnings for the first time — cost it £9.3 million at the pre-tax level, as sterling strengthened against the other currencies.

Difficult trading conditions have not, however, interfered with expansion plans, which involved capital spending of £354 million during the year, including a substantial chunk in the former east Germany, which has been earmarked for further investment this year as the privatisation programme throws up opportunities.

By the year-end, group borrowings had grown to £220.2 million, but were still only 34.9 per cent of shareholders' funds, although this has fallen with February's £78 million convertible bond issue.

Profits are likely to slip below £200 million this year, despite better performances in Germany, Spain and Israel, to produce earnings of about 48p, for an earnings multiple of around 14.3. When the recovery comes, RMC will respond better than most, and the shares remain a sound long-term investment. But over the next 12 months there are better opportunities.

Queens Moat Houses

IN THE past three and half years Queens Moat Houses has raised more than £280 million in rights issues, tapping shareholders on three occasions. Last March the company further expanded its capital base by acquiring Norfolk Capital in a shares only deal.

With this kind of record John Bairstow, the chairman, will have to come up with the most remarkably convincing argument, or acquisition, before asking shareholders for more money. The problem is that QMH looks rather in need of some.

Borrowings at the year-end were £833 million, representing gearing of 69 per cent, although a £66 million sale and leaseback deal and the disposal of its stake in Vaux, have since reduced these figures to £750 million and 61 per cent respectively.

Mr Bairstow has long maintained that he is comfortable with a high gearing ratio, but at a time when profits and values are under great pressure, his ability to remain so sanguine for much longer must be open to doubt.

Last year's strategy was a winning one. Although in the year to end-December QMH's interest bill rose from £30.6 million to £43.1 million, with a further £18 million capitalised, turnover rose from £409 million to £484 million. As a result QMH turned in pre-tax profits up 51 per cent at £94 million, with about £10 million stemming from Norfolk Capital. The final dividend is increased to 1.4p (1.22p) making a total of 2.62 (2.28p).

Mr Bairstow may not be as fortunate this year. Although all hotel companies can plead a special case for the disastrous first two months of this year, QMH is probably affected more by economic recession than by the Gulf war and, as such, trading may take much longer to recover on both sides of the Channel.

QMH will do well to hold profits at last year's levels. At 97.5p, shares are on a price earnings multiple of about 11. An early end to underperformance looks unlikely.

Ocean Group

OCEAN Group is putting up its hand for £88.1 million net of rights money on the basis of one-for-four at 295p to join a growing rights queue.

Ocean will use the cash to erase current gearing of 50 per cent, so that it can look at the rash of increasingly evident new business opportunities within its three chosen fields.

Considering that Ocean's net interest charge at £5.6 million for last year had risen from £1.5 million a year earlier — which checked a 14.8 per cent rise at the trading level into a less exciting 4.6 per cent rise at the pre-tax stage — the rights call makes sense.

Pre-tax profits at £48 million for the year ended December compared with a restated £46.1 million previously, allowing the final dividend to rise from 9.19p to 9.53p a share, making 14.2p (13.43p) for the year.

The 1990 profits mix moved in favour of marine services, which contributed £25 million at the trading level out of £52.1 million, in a period when services suffered from Gulf war events.

The resumed roar of 200 flights a day over Saudi Arabia is a welcome sound to Ocean, which should see its freight division a brighter sector in this year.

The group's thrust behind environmental services interests is clear from the submission of plans for a major waste-to-energy scheme in London that could involve development capital of £200 million and become operational in 1995. Ahead of 1995, further expansion of its environmental division is likely.

Although some Gulf war shadows still overhang this year's prospects, rights issue money should help profits advance to £58 million. The outlook for next year suggests profits of £65 million. On a 339p ex-rights price, Ocean shares trade on 12.1 and 11.4 times earnings, respectively. The shares look fully valued at present.

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Warburg axe

THE axe has fallen at Warburg Securities, where 28 jobs are to be lost through redundancy and early retirement. The firm, never given to the "cardboard box" tactics favoured by the American houses, broke the news to staff yesterday. A spokesman says the firm has been rigorously reviewing its costs, and the cuts — all in the 900-strong equities division — are part of an overall effort to save money. Further cuts are unlikely for now. The news will come as an extra shock to Julian Smithers, one of the last members of Akroyd & Smithers to remain at Warburgs, who is to take early retirement in June. Smithers is presently on a skiing holiday and is hence unlikely to have learned of his fate. The cuts include a number of familiar faces in market-making, sales and research.

"But I thought you believed in contra-cyclical buying."

City slickers

CITY types who suspect that their images may be too dull will soon be able to seek professional advice. Courses are to be run at the Broadgate Club, one of the Square Mile's rapidly sprouting health clubs, providing tips on everything from hair colour to trouser length. Women with pear-shaped figures, it seems, should consider wearing large shoulder pads to balance their profiles. And men under 5ft 8in tall should not wear turn-ups, since these make them look smaller. "The City image can be a bit dull," says Prue Redfern, director of the Broadgate Club, which is hosting the courses. "On the other hand, our regulars are all quite a smart bunch," she adds hastily.

Sad reflection

A NATIONAL survey in America has found that the average man spends three-quarters of an hour each day looking at himself in the mirror — 15 minutes more than in 1988. The increase is blamed on a fitness craze which has inspired men to gaze admiringly at their rippling muscles after working out.

Cape crusaders

DETERMINED to prove that not all accountants are unadventurous, two newly-qualified number-crunchers from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte are setting off on a 6,000 mile bicycle ride from London to Cape Town next month. Karen Chalk and Anthony Bobath will follow the East African route through the Sudan to Kenya and on to South Africa — an epic journey of which Cecil John Rhodes would have been proud. "Neither of us has been to Africa before," says Chalk, aged 25, who, to the horror of less-fit colleagues, expects to average about 50 miles every day. "We will probably have to make up the route as we go along," she added. The intrepid duo hopes to raise several thousand pounds for the Bobath Centre in London — founded by Anthony's grandparents — which treats children with cerebral palsy. And a book on their exploits is likely to follow. Hopefully the locals en route will spare them the usual troubles of bribes and civil wars, not to mention the heat followed by rains and mosquitoes . . . .

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US aerospace orders lift gloom over £50m standstill at Smiths

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SMITHS Industries turned in standstill half-year profits of £50.7 million yesterday, accompanied by news of American aerospace contracts potentially worth more than $600 million.

The aerospace, medical equipment and industrial group has been contracted by Boeing, the American aircraft builder, to develop and supply electrical and fuel management systems for a new Boeing aircraft, the 777, scheduled for launch in 1995.

Smiths has also won a contract from McDonnell Douglas, America's second largest aircraft maker, to re-equip 1,100 American air force F15 fighters with Smiths' head-up display units to provide pilot information.

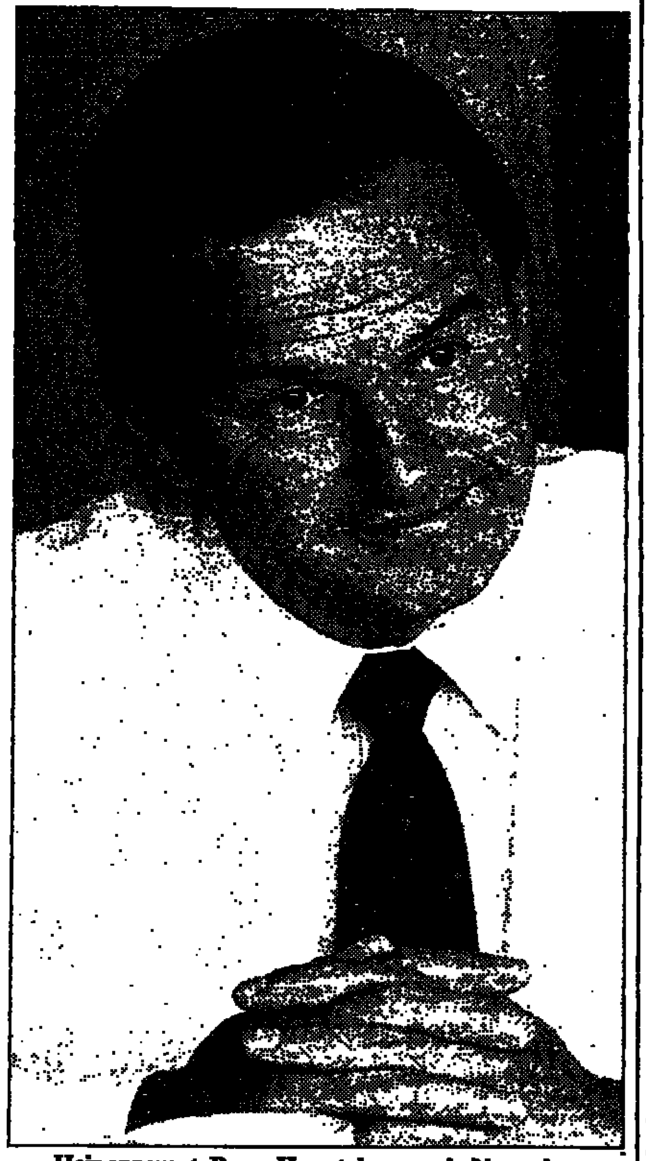
The final deal unveiled yesterday was an order to refit 270 American air force Lockheed C141 transport planes with Smiths fuel management systems.

The spate of new avionics orders brightened news of a difficult half year to February 2. During the period, sales slipped by 9.4 per cent to £288 million. Aeropace activities, accounting for £186 million of sales and £24.5 million of trading profit, experienced a modest profit uplift that compensated for sales down by £22.1 million.

Profits from medical equipment were little changed at £10 million on steady sales of £56.8 million. But the group's industrial arm, whose products range from industrial hoses to home security lamps, saw trading profits drop from £8.9 million to £7.3 million on sales down £7.2 million at £45.2 million.

Interest from the group's £125 million cash pile, at £8.9 million, provided 17.5 per cent of group profits.

Sir Alex Jarratt, Smiths' chairman, said trading conditions had become more difficult, and were likely to remain tough. However, he took heart from the American avionics orders, and said there were good opportunities for the medical companies in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.



Heir apparent: Roger Hurn takes over in November

Sir Alex also said that the board intends to give Roger Hurn, Smiths' chief executive and managing director, the additional responsibilities of group chairman when Sir Alex retires from that role in November.

His announcement may provoke some concern in the City, which has recently favoured the separation of the job of chairman from that of chief executive. Sir Alex is to remain a non executive director.

Chris Avery, an analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, has increased his profit forecast for the year to end-July by £5 million to £120 million for currency fluctuations.

He said the Boeing contract was important for the company's future, but that the $60 million development costs of two systems to be developed by Smiths at its own expense would hold back profit growth in the years to 1994.

Wace rises to £26m as sales surge

THE rash of failures in the pre-press printing industry helped Wace Group increase market share against a background of falling sales in the industry last year, and the group reports a surge in pretax profits to £26.5 million (£21.8 million).

John Clegg, managing director, said Wace had done well in the recession. "More than 50 pre-press companies went to the wall in London alone in the past year, and we're picking up much of the business."

Turnover leapt by 48 per cent to £235 million, and operating profits by 32 per cent to £29.4 million – including two months results from the Parkway acquisition.

Earnings, on the capital enlarged by last July's £37 million rights issue, are 2 per cent lower at 25.5p, although shareholders will receive a 6p final dividend, making 8.25p (7.5p) for the year.

Nurdin issues warning as annual profits top £25m

By Our City Staff

NURDIN & Peacock, the cash and carry group, hoisted pretax profits from £22.6 million to £25.8 million last year on turnover up from £1.13 billion to £1.29 billion. But Michael Peacock, the group's outgoing chairman, reported that sales growth tailed off towards the end of the year and issued a warning that the rate of growth has remained lower so far this year.

He said: "The recession is affecting many of the group's customers, in the catering and off-licence trade in particular." Earnings per share rose from 12.5p to 15.6p and shareholders collect a final dividend of 3.33p, making 5.20p (4.6p). Group capital expenditure doubled to £32 million during the year, the bulk on new units and refurbishments in existing branches.

Three branches will be opened in northern England this year and, Mr Peacock says, the group intends to expand at about its present rate towards its target of national coverage.

Meanwhile, there have been second thoughts about the boardroom reshuffle.

Richard Fulford will become the non-executive chairman and David Rowley the deputy chairman.

David Poole's appointment as managing director is not affected.

US spending 'to slow'

SPENDING by American businesses to expand production is expected to rise 3.2 per cent this year, after inflation, the weakest in five years, the United States Commerce Department said. This follows actual rises in real capital spending of 4.5 per cent last year and 10.4 per cent in 1989.

It would be the smallest rise in five years, since real investment fell 3.1 per cent in 1986. Real spending slowed sharply in the second half of last year as the economy weakened and then slid into its first recession since 1981-82.

The latest estimates for 1991 business investment are based on a survey done between January and March, the period in which the Gulf war began and ended.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyons	500	12	29	43	8½	26	33
(*504)	550	2	12	23	50	60	63
	600	1	4	12	100	105	105
ASDA	120	14	20	22	1	3	6
(*133)	130	5½	13	16	3	6	10
	140	1½	7½	10	9½	13	16
Bass	929	32	64	97	11	35	44
(*944)	977	7	40	69	40	62	67
	1026	2½	24	47	85	95	102
Boots	330	51	57	65	1	5	7
(*378)	360	23	33	43	2½	12	16
	390	5	17	27	15	26	29
Br Airways	140	21	24	27	1	6	7½
(*159)	160	5½	10	15	6	14	17
	180	1	4	9	22	32	32
BP	300	35	42	47	2	4½	7
(*334)	330	8½	21	27	5½	13½	17
	360	1½	9	15	30	34	37
Br Steel	130	12	18	19	1	5½	7½
(*140)	140	5	9½	12	4	9	11
	160	1½	3½	5	21	24	27
C & W	460	73	83	102	1	7	11
(*528)	500	35	52	75	3	17	23
	550	5½	23	44	30	44	44
CU	460	70	87	90	1	4	8
(*526)	500	33	55	63	3	13	18
	550	5	26	34	27	33	42
Courtauld	360	56	60	68	1	5	7
(*411)	390	27	37	47	3	13	17
	420	7	18	32	13	26	32
GKN	330	50	63	67	1½	5	11
(*375)	360	23	40	47	3	11	19
	390	6	22	28	20	26	35
Grand Met	750	63	90	110	2	18	23
(*808)	800	21	55	78	13	35	42
	850	5	32	54	47	62	68
ICI	1000	59	104	117	6	24	40
(*1059)	1050	22	72	89	21	40	62
	1100	7	47	65	57	67	89
Kingfisher	420	80	85	92	1½	5½	11
(*494)	460	41	54	65	3½	14	19
	500		30	44		29	36
Ladbroke	260	25	34	42	2	10	13
(*286)	280	8½	21	30	9	18	23
	300	2½	12	20	24	32	35
Land Sec	500	41	52	58	2½	8	12
(*536)	550	9	19	33	18	33	35
	600	1½	7	14	66	73	76
M & S	220	43	46	52	1	2	3½
(*261)	240	22	28	38	1	6	8
	260	7	16	24	6	14	17
Sainsbury	330	58	62	72	1	3	4½
(*386)	360	29	38	49	2	8½	11
	390	6	19	31	10	21	24
Shell	420	69	82	88	1½	4	7
(*484)	460	30	50	55	4	10	18
	500	5	23	32	23	28	37
Smkl Beech	700	93	112	132	1½	8	14
(*792)	750	47	75	97	4	17	27
	800	14	45	67	22	40	50

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Storehse	110	9	12	16	3	7	9
(*116)	120	3	8½	11	8	12	14
	130	1½	5½	-	17	19	-
Trafalgar	240	18	27	37	4	17	20
(*253)	260	6	17	26	13	27	31
	280	1½	11	19	31	41	44
Ultramar	300	43	54	59	2	4	7
(*338)	330	15	31	39	5	12	18
	360	3	15	23	25	30	32
Unilever	650	115	135	152	1½	4	6
(*765)	700	67	92	114	3	8	13
	750	26	55	80	10	23	29
	800	4	30	50	42	50	54
Utd Bisc	330	52	63	73	1	2½	5
(*380)	360	23	39	49	2	8	12
	390	5	21	30	12	20	23
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	51	57	70	3	8	11
(*429)	420	27	36	49	11	22	23
	460	9	20	28	35	40	43
BAT Ind	600	129	134	140	2½	6	12
(*716)	650	82	92	105	5	16	25
	700	43	60	75	17	33	45
	750	18	33	52	43	60	70
BTR	360	61	74	77	1½	5	8½
(*414)	390	35	51	56	5	11	17
	420	16	32	38	19	24	29
Br Aero	550	110	132	137	3	9	13
(*640)	600	67	92	102	8	17	25
	650	32	58	74	27	35	43
Br Telecm	330	46	53	58	1½	5½	8
(*368)	360	21	31	39	7	15	17
	390	7	15	23	24	30	33
Cadbury	360	36	50	58	4	10	13
(*388)	390	16	31	41	15	19	24
	420	5	17	25	37	38	41
Guinness	850	82	112	127	7	17	22
(*911)	900	45	77	95	21	32	40
	950	21	51	70	48	57	63
GEC	200	16½	20	25	3	9½	11
(*211)	220	5½	10	15	13	20	22
	240	1½	-	-	31	-	-
Hanson	220	16½	23½	28½	4	7½	10
(*229)	240	6½	12	17½	14	18½	20
	260	2	6	11	32	33	34
LASMO	330	35	50	57	6	12	16
(*352)	360	15	32	40	17	25	30
	390	7	20	27	42	44	47
P & O	550	62	73	80	7	16	23
(*607)	600	23	42	50	28	37	47
	650	6	23	28	65	70	78
Pilkington	160	40	42	45	2½	5	5
(*195)	180	21	25	30	3	9½	12
	200	9	15	19	11	18	22
Prudential	220	26	34	37	3½	6½	9
(*239)	240	13	21	25	9	14	17
	260	5	12	17	24	26	27
Racal	220	20	27	34	5½	10½	14
(*230)	240	10	17	25	15	22	24

	Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
	260	4	10	16	31	35	36
	280	1½	5½	11	50	51	53
RTZ	460	107	121	126	2	3	6
(*557)	500	69	87	95	4	9	14
	550	31	52	63	15	24	30
	600	10	27	38	46	52	57
Scot New	330	54	60	-	2½	6	-
(*378)	360	28	37	44	6	14	16
	390	12	21	29	21	30	33
	420	4	9½	17	48	53	55
Tesco	253	34	41	-	2½	4	-
(*286)	280	12	22	28	9	13	15
	300	4½	13	18	21	24	26
Thames W.	280	38	42	44	3	7	9
(*314)	300	22	27	31	6	14	17
	330	6	11	17	21	31	33
Lucas	140	26	35	38	1½	4	6
(*164)	160	11	18	25	6	9	14
	180	4	10	14	20	22	26
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	420	72	81	93	1	4	7
(*487)	460	32	49	64	2½	12	16
	500	6	26	40	21	30	33
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat.	240	45	49	55	1½	3½	5½
(*279)	260	29	34	41	4	8	10
	280	15	22	29	12	16	18
Amstrad	60	23	25	28	1	2½	3
(*79)	70	14	18	21	2	5½	5½
	80	7½	12	15	6	8	10
Barclays	390	78	90	-	2	7	-
(*463)	420	57	66	71	7½	14	19
	460	27	38	51	20	29	33
Blue Circ	240	28	33	38	7	12	14
(*267)	260	15	24	28	16	22	25
	280	7½	15	20	31	34	36
Br Gas	220	39	41	43	2	4	5
(*253)	240	22	25	29	4½	10	12
	260	10½	12½	18	13	20	22
Dixons	160	44	45	48	1½	4	6
(*196)	180	25	30	35	5	10	12
	200	14	19	22	13	18	22
Glaxo	1050	70	-	124	33	-	57
(*1069)	1100	43	-	97	58	-	80
	1150	24	-	80	93	-	110
Hawker	500	93	103	110	8	18	22
(*580)	550	50	70	80	27	35	42
	600	25	47	57	55	60	70
Hillsdown	240	29	38	44	8	14	16
(*263)	260	15	27	33	17	21	24
	280	8	16	24	30	32	36
Lonrho	220	55	58	-	1½	3½	-
(*268)	240	37	41	49	4	7½	10
	260	22	26	35	8½	14	18
Midland	180	55	58	60	1½	6	7

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
(*233)	200	39	43	47	5	10	12½
	220	23	32	37	11	17	21
	240	13	-	-	22	-	-
Reuter	800	107	130	155	18	34	43
(*869)	850	72	100	125	38	53	63
	900	47	77	100	62	77	85
R-Royce	140	37	42	45	1	3	3½
(*170)	160	19	25	28	4½	7	9
	180	7	14	18½	13	17	19
Sears	80	17	16	18	2½	3½	4½
(*93)	90	8	10	12	6	7	8
	100	3	6	7½	12	13	14
THF	260	20	26	31	10	14	16
(*269)	280	9	17	22	22	25	27
	300	4	10	-	38	40	-
Thorn EMI	650	100	97	100	5	13	18
(*733)	700	57	62	68	14	29	36
	750	31	35	45	40	55	64
	800	12	18	-	75	95	-
TSB	130	21	24	-	1½	3½	-
(*147)	140	14	17	20	4	6½	8
	160	4½	7½	10½	17	18	19
Vaal Reefs	50	13	14	16	3	5	6
(*$57)	60	5½	8	11½	7	10	11
Wellcome	460	77	95	104	7	14	18
(*523)	500	48	69	77	19	26	31
	550	24	42	52	44	52	57
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elec	140	45	48	48	1½	2½	4
(*183)	160	26	29	29	2	6½	9
	180	10	14½	16	6	16	19
Sthrn Elec.	140	53	-	-	1½	-	-
(*190)	160	34	-	-	2	-	-
	180	15	-	-	5	-	-
Elec Pack	1800	240	-	-	20	-	-
(*£2025)	1850	200	-	-	40	-	-
	1900	140	-	-	55	-	-
	Series	Jun	Sep	-	Jun	Sep	-
Nat Power	110	24	24	-	1	3½	-
(*130)	120	15	17	-	3	7	-
	130	9	12	-	6½	12	-

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Puts						
Apr	6	9	18	33	58	95
May	16	23	35	53	79	112
Jun	25	35	48	67	90	125
Jul	33	43	57	75	100	129
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● Hong Kong – Shares staged a late rally to recover from sharp losses and end comfortably higher. The Hang Seng index ended 20.32 higher at 3,777.62. *(Reuter)*

Apr 9 close		Apr 10 midday	Apr 9 close		Apr 10 midday	Apr 9 close
46%	Enron	56%	56	Oryx Enrgy	32%	32%
45%	Entergy	23%	23%	Pac Ent	35½	35%
17%	Ethyl	31½	31½	Pac Gas Elec	25%	25%
66%	Exxon	57%	57	Pac Telesis	41½	41½
46%	Fed NMA	46%	47%	Paccar	38%	38
20%	Fedrl Expre	34½	34½	Pacificorp	22%	22
31%	Fst Nocater	16	16½	Pall	35	35%
28	Fluor	47%	46%	Paramount	39%	39½
64½	FMC	35½	36	Parker-Hanin	24%	24%
42%	Ford Motor	32½	31%	Penney	51½	51%
56	FPL	30%	30	Pennzoil	72%	72½
29%	Fst Chicago	22%	23%	Pepsico	33	32%
40½	Fst Intrsta	31%	32%	Pfizer	55½	56%
57%	Fst Union	21½	21	Phlps Pet	27%	27%
100%	Gannett	40%	39%	Phlps Elec	20	19%
7%	Gen Cinema	23%	23%	Phlp Morris	68½	68%
86%	Gen Elec	72%	71	Phlps Dodge	63½	63
25%	Gen Mills	56%	55½	Pitney Bow	55	54%
46%	Gen Motors	37½	37	Plcr Dome	14½	14%
64%	Gen RE	100%	101	PNC Fncl	30%	30
27%	Gen Signal	44%	44	Prndle Estn	14	14½
51½	Genentech	27%	27%	Polaroid	24	23%
60%	Genuine Pts	39%	39%	PPG Inds	47%	47%
58	Georgia-Pac	41%	41½	Prctr Gmble	84½	83%
50%	Gillette	77	78%	Price	52	51
68%	Goodrich	39%	40%	Primerica	31	30%
23½	Goodyear	22%	22%	Pub Service	27%	26%
18%	Grace	31%	30%	Quaker Oats	58%	57%
28%	Greyhound	32	32%	Ralston Pur	56%	57%
27%	Gt Atlantic	53	53½	Raychem	24½	24½
31½	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	81%	80%
34½	GTE	32%	33	Reebok	23	23
25%	Halbrtn	42%	43%	Roadway	51	48%
65%	Heinz	39%	39½	Rockwell	25%	25%
24%	Hercules	33%	33%	Rohm Haas	39	38%
43½	Hershey Fd	41	40%	Royal Dutch	77%	77%
28%	Hewlett Pkd	51%	50	Rubbermaid	50	51%
35%	Hilton Htl	39%	39%	Rynlds Mtl	55%	55%
36%	Home Depot	55%	54%	Safeco	41%	41%
23%	Homestake	16	16½	Salomon	30%	29%
23%	Honeywell	58	57%	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8
60%	Houston Ind	36%	36%	Sara Lee	39%	39%
34½	Hsehld Ind	45½	45½	Schecorp	36%	36%
75%	Humana	49%	49%	Schlumbgr	57	57%
49½	IBM	111	111½	Schrg-Plgh	49%	48%
51%	IF&F	80%	80%	Scott Papr	39%	38%
26%	Illinois TW	52%	52%	Seagram	95%	95%
13½	Inco	33%	33%	Sears Rbk	34½	35%
55	Ingsol-Rand	45%	44%	Securty Pac	24%	24%
44%	Inland Steel	18%	18%	Shrwn-Wllms	22%	22%
47%	Intel	47	48%	Skyline	17%	17
24%	Intl Paper	60½	60%	Snap-on Tls	29%	29%
37½	ITT	58%	58%	Southern	27%	27%
76½	James River	25%	26	St Paul	70	69%
27	Johnsn Jhsn	95%	95%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
28%	K Mart	42%	41%	Stone Cntr	14½	14%
9%	Kellogg	93	93%	Sun Co	30%	30%
83%	Kerr-McGee	42%	41%	Suntst Bk	28%	28%
45%	Kmbly-Clrk	87%	87%	Super Valu	27%	27%
50%	Knght-Riddr	49%	49%	SW Bell	52%	52%
46	Lilly	81	81%	Syntex	82%	81½
47%	Limited	27%	28%	Sysco	36%	36%
65%	Lin Brdcstg	69%	69%	Tandem	13%	14
45%	Lincln Nat	51%	52%	Tandy	34%	34%
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13%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	65%	64%
73%	Marsh Mclen	84½	83%	Texas Inst	42%	42
52%	Martin Mar	54	54½	Texas Util	37%	37%
15%	Masco	23½	22%	Textron	29%	29%
47	May Dept	53%	52%	Time Wrnr	113%	114%
39%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	29	28%
38%	McDnl Doug	41	40%	Timken	24%	24½
34½	McDonalds	34½	34%	Torchmark	58	58%
31%	McGraw-Hill	60½	60	Toys R Us	26%	26%
52%	MCI Com	26%	26%	Transam	34	33%
79	Mead	29	29½	Travelers	23%	23%
43%	Medtronic	116%	117	Tribune	42%	42%
62%	Mellon Bk	28%	28%	TRW	39%	39%
42%	Melville	51%	51½	Tyco Lab	47%	46%
25	Merck	107	106%	UAL	148%	149
41%	Merll Lynch	37%	37%	Un Camp	42½	42%
46%	MM&M	87%	87%	Un Carbide	17	17
49%	Mobil	64%	64%	Un Pacific	74½	73%
59	Monsanto	58%	57	Unilever	87%	87%
84	Moore	25½	24½	Unisys	6%	5½
70%	Morgan	47½	46%	Unocal	25%	24%
38%	Motorola	61½	56%	Upjohn	49	48%
29	Nat Medical	48%	48%	US West	36%	38%
74%	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	18½	18%
47%	Nat Service	25%	25%	USF&G	12%	11%
68%	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	38%	38%
38%	NCNB	35	35%	UST	46	46%
28%	NCR	96%	96%	USX	33%	32%
63	NED Bncp	38½	38%	Utd Tech	47%	47%
12%	Newmnt Min	35%	36%	Utd Telcm	23%	24
17%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	VF	25%	26
48	Nike	43½	44%	Wal-Mart	41%	41%
67%	NL Indstrs	12½	12%	Waste Mgmt	38%	38%
41	Nordstorm	33%	37%	Wells Fargo	73%	74
18%	Norflk Sthn	44%	44%	Westg Elec	28%	28%
25	Norwest	25%	25%	Weyerhsr	23%	23%
3%	Nthn St Pwr	33½	34	Whirlpool	28%	28%
37%	Nthn Telcm	31%	31%	Whitman	13%	13
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76½	Nynex	71%	71½	Woolworth	31½	32
41½	Occid Petl	18%	19	Wrigley	61	61
58%	Ohio Edi	19	19	Wrnr-Lamb	76	75%
46	Oracle Sys	10½	10%	Xerox	56%	56

STOCK MARKET

Albert Fisher falls after broker drops buy rating

SHARES in **Albert Fisher**, the fast growing distributor of fresh food, fell 7p to 116p as the echoes from last week's resignation of Keith Brackpool, the chief executive of its American operations, continued to reverberate around the Square Mile.

Dealers reported a wave of selling that saw 7 million shares change hands. Yesterday's selling was triggered by a decision by Smith New Court, the broker, to change its recommendation from buy to hold. Tim Potter, an analyst at Smith, said: "There has been a knock to sentiment surrounding the resignation of Keith Brackpool."

Full-year figures from Fisher are expected next week. Smith is keeping to its pre-tax profits forecast of £44 million (against £30.5 million last time) and it expects earnings per share to grow 9 per cent to 5p.

Mr Potter added: "Nothing has happened to alter our views about the group's trading background."

Fisher said that Mr Brackpool had resigned to "resolve personal matters unrelated to the company". These are believed to relate to a guarantee given on an American share deal before he joined Fisher.

The rest of the equity market took its lead from a dull performance overnight on Wall Street. Fund managers remained on the sidelines, anxiously hoping for another softening in interest rates before making their next move. But prices managed to close above their worst, helped by a futures-inspired rally and a firmer start to trading on the other side of the Atlantic.

The FT-SE 100 index, down more than 21 points earlier, closed 8.4 lower at 2,518.8. The FT index of 30 shares eased 5.8 to 1,992.2 on a turnover of 531 million shares.

Government securities closed with losses stretching to almost £½ at the longer end, reflecting the poor response to the government's issue of £800 million of tap stock.

Reuters fell 25p to 870p after James Capel, the broker, decided to take a bearish stance on prospects. But **Asda**, the supermarket chain, firmed 2p to 133p in the wake of a visit by fund managers to the group's new superstore at Clapham Junction, in south London, arranged by Warburg Securities, the stockbroker.

Smiths Industries, the aerospace engineer, firmed 2p to 287p after announcing it had been awarded a $600 million contract by Boeing, the American aircraft manufacturer. The deal is for avionic sub-systems for the new Boeing 777 twin jet. Smiths says it has also been awarded contracts by McDonnell Douglas and Lockheed.

Ocean Group fell 17p to 349p on the news that it intends to raise £88 million by way of a rights issue. The terms are one-for-four at 295p. The group said it would use the proceeds to expand its capital base. Last year, Ocean increased pre-tax profits by £2.1 million to £48 million. The group said freight and distribution had been hit in the second half by the recession.

Next, the troubled high street retailer, eased ½p to 26½p with full-year losses, before tax, of £40 million already widely anticipated by the market. Last year, the group made a loss of £46.7 million. The board issued a warning that the rise in VAT had increased the pressure on the group during trading conditions which were already difficult. It had written off £17.5 million on the loss on its stake in BSkyB and closure and disposal costs had totalled £203 million.

The property sector received a fillip from the news that **Southend Properties** had bid £136 million for **Frogmore Estates**. Southend is offering 3.1 new shares at 100p each for each share in Frogmore. Southend already owns a near 10 per cent stake and has agreed with BZW to acquire 4 million extra shares, taking its total holding to 19.98 per cent. Frogmore responded to the news with a rise of 17p to 349p while Southend fell 6p to 104p.

Rosehaugh fell 10p to 60p, worried by the prospect of further write-offs relating to its Broadgate development in the City, which is a joint venture with Stanhope.

Elsewhere in the property sector, **Bradford Property** rose 5p to 143p, **Capital & Counties** 7p to 354p, **Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs** 10p to 60p, **Markheath** 3p to 41p, **Peel Holdings** 6p to 160p, **UK Land** 10p to 125p, and **Percy Bilton** 16p to 426p.

Abbey National held steady at 279p despite a strong buy recommendation from the Daiwa Institute of Research

The clearing banks closed mixed with **National Westminster** falling 12p to 331p, worried by talk of further heavy losses at its American subsidiary. **Barclays** was 1p firmer at 464p and **Midland** advanced 7p to 233p, still encouraged by talk of a bid from either from the Germans or the Japanese. **Lloyds** finished 5p cheaper at 361p.

Owners Abroad, the holiday charter company, firmed 2p to 79½p.

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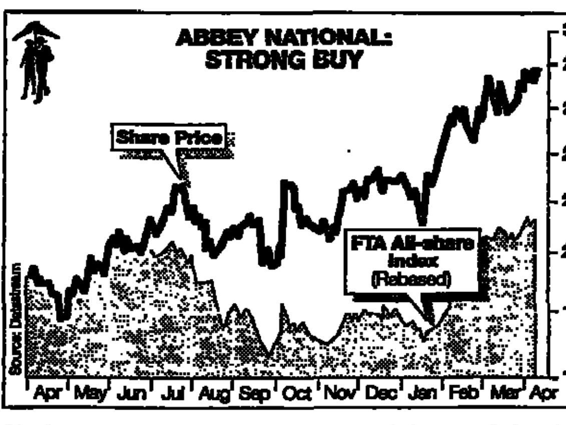

Shares in Cookson, the industrial materials group, continued to nudge towards their peak with a rise of 4p to 140p — making a two-day advance of 8p — as 5.4 million shares were traded. The rights issue has reduced gearing and now there is talk that a bid could be on the way. TI Group has been mentioned before as a suitor.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,070	CU	348	Lucas	1,049	Royal Ins	489
Alld-Lyons	2,424	Courtaulds	1,095	M&S	2,229	Sainsbury	2,254
Anglian	93	Enterprise	1,085	Maxwell Cm	3,498	Scot & N	911
ASDA	5,294	Eurotunnel	290	MEPC	309	Sears	1,789
AB Foods	290	Fisons	1,404	Midland	4,624	Severn Trnt	858
Argyll	3,508	Gen Acc	648	Natl Power	6,800	Shell	2,790
BAA	976	GEC	3,821	Nat West	6,011	Smith & N	2,932
BET	551	Glaxo	2,054	N W Water	591	SK Beech	1,558
BTR	1,400	Grand Met	1,200	P&O	529	Sun Allnce	1,009
BAT	1,062	GUS 'A'	87	Pearson	285	Tarmac	2,022
Barclays	3,431	GRE	193	Pilkington	753	Tate Lyle	1,982
Bass	897	Guinness	812	PowerGen	6,000	TSB	3,428
BICC	330	Hamm 'A'	32	Prudential	2,382	Tesco	2,563
Bk Scotlnd	537	Hanson	5,304	Racal	2,190	Thames Wtr	929
Blue Circle	1,018	H & C	240	Rk Hovis	959	Thorn EMI	239
BOC	842	Hawker	109	Rank	189	Trafalgar	1,728
Boots	1,270	Hillsdown	692	R&C	109	THF	2,334
Br Aero	648	ICI	1,324	Redland	144	Ultramar	1,674
Br Airways	1,193	Kingfisher	1,640	Reed	483	Unilever	481
Br Gas	53	Lasmo	933	Reuters	1,513	United Bis	489
Br Petrol	4,951	Ladbroke	702	RMC Gp	1,217	Wellcome	457
Br Steel	8,965	Land Sec	762	RTZ	958	Whitbrd	682
Br Telecm	5,115	L&G	673	R-Royce	6,041	Wgn Teape	697
C&W	3,039	Lloyds	1,149	Rothmn 'B'	227	Williams	361
Cadbury	1,506	Lonrho	1,286	Royal Bank	768	Willis Cor	625

RECENT ISSUES

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S&P Composite .... 374.51 (+0.95)*
Tokyo:
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Hang Seng .... 3777.62 (+20.32)
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CBS Tendency .... 95.5 (−1.3)
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Brussels:
General .... 5799.19 (−19.68)

Paris: CAC .... 489.60 (−4.18)
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FT.—A All-Share .... 1219.80 (−4.37)
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Bargains 32248
SEAQ Volume 531.3m
USM (Datastream) ..... 135.95 (−1.03)

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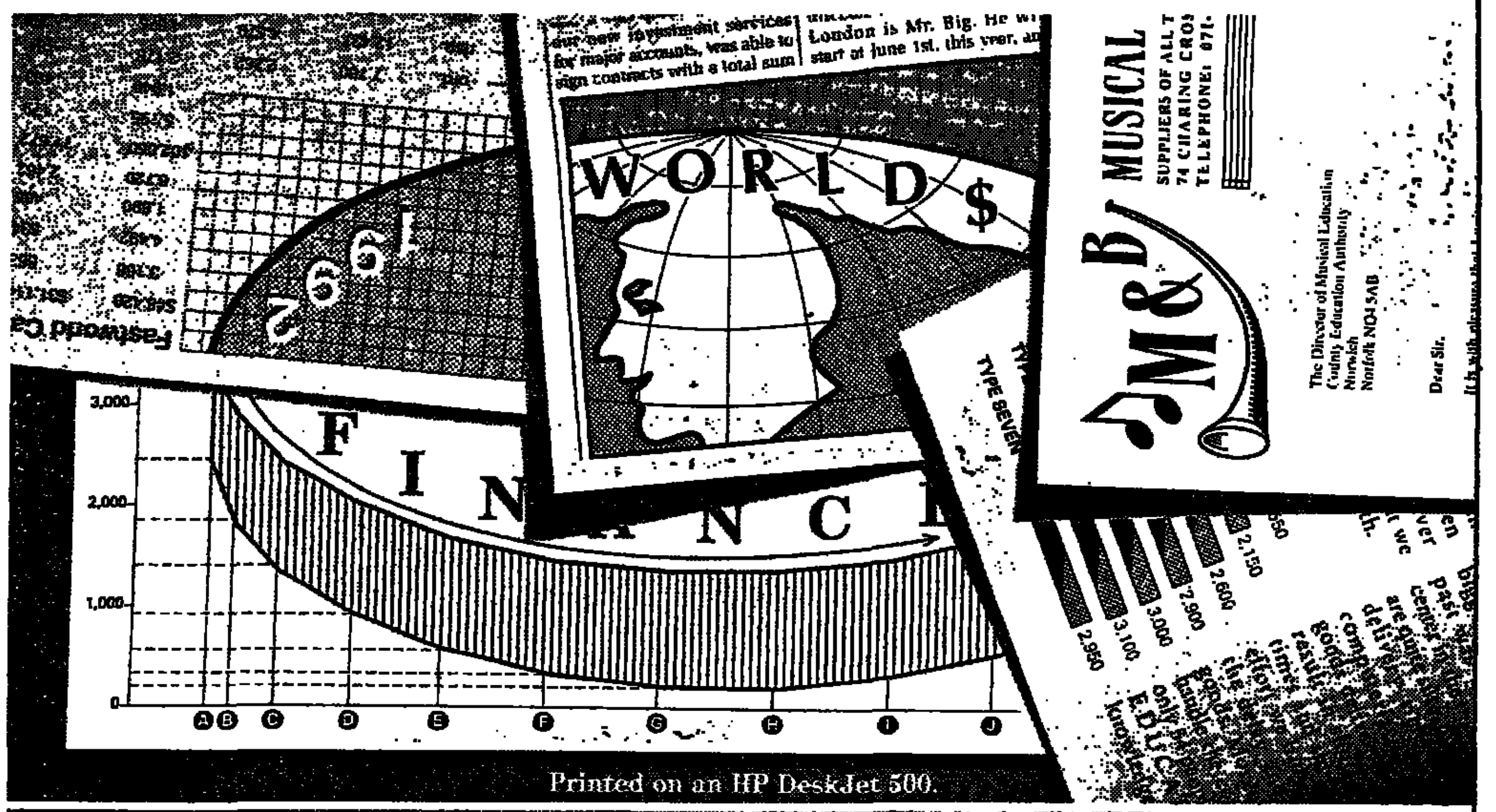

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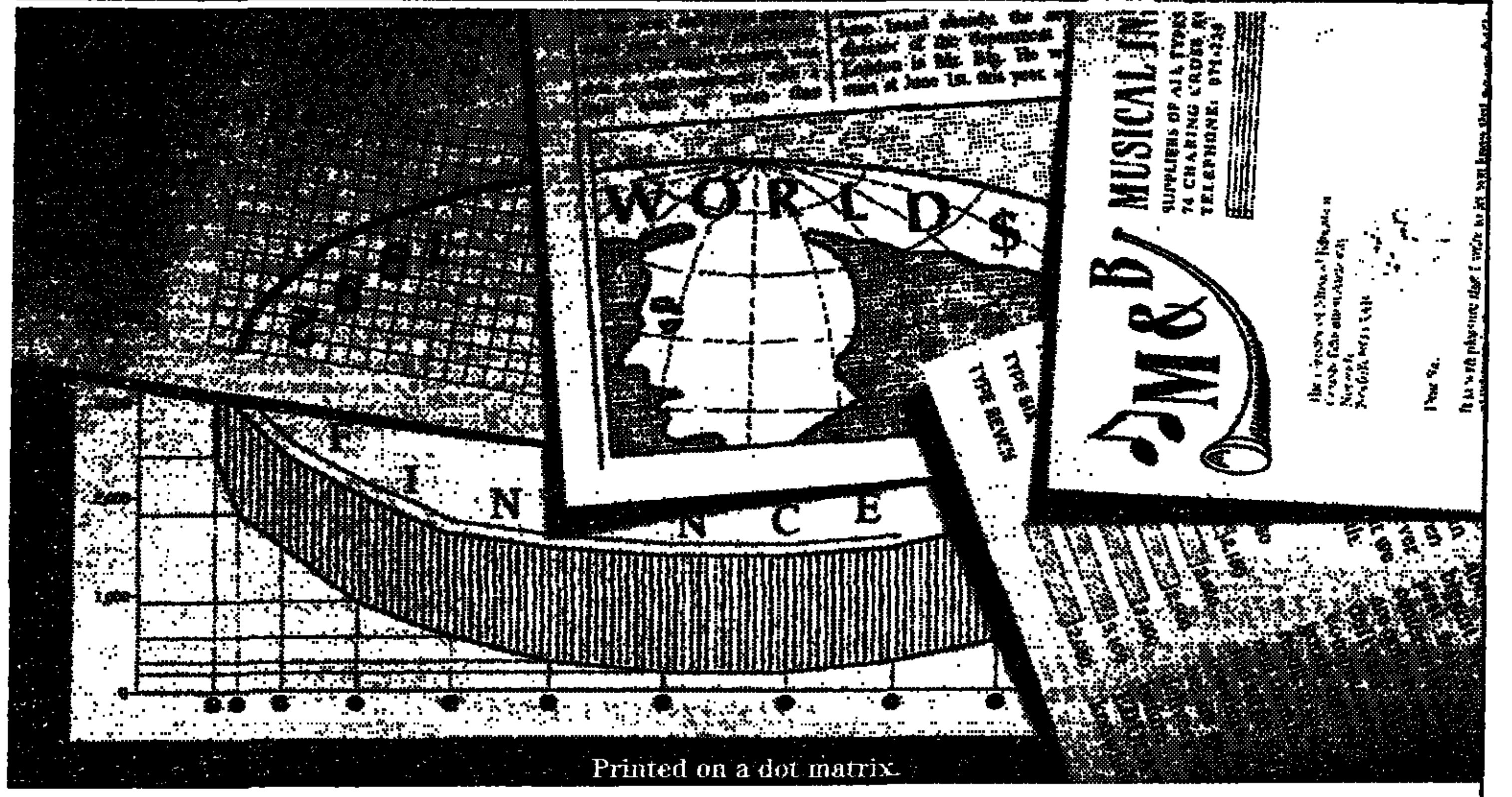

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Balanced	547.0	582.5	+0.6	3.25
Am Inc	32.37	34.47	-0.11	4.21
World Ass Val	31.64	33.69	-0.17	1.51
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Guardian	222.8	237.2e	-0.4	2.07
Do Acc	241.8	257.1e	-0.4	2.07
Growth	290.3	308.8e	+1.6	3.38
Do Acc	472.4	502.8e	+2.5	3.38
Inc & Gth Inc	330.0	354.3	-1.6	5.11
Do Acc	404.4	430.3	-1.9	5.11
Master Portf	83.10	87.57c	..	3.02
Do Acc	91.84	96.68c	..	3.02
Spec Sits	84.2	89.3	+0.3	3.24
Do Acc	71.46	76.02	+0.36	3.24
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.68	11.02	+0.03	5.50
Do Acc	£11.28	11.63	+0.04	5.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
Amer Index	139.3	148.0	+0.2	2.25
Capital	460.3	487.8e	+1.0	3.90
Euro Index	108.1	115.3	-0.3	1.65
Euro Growth	71.09	75.88	-0.08	2.61
Far East S S	67.15	71.68	-0.67	0.81
Gold Gen S S	58.54	60.34	+0.07	5.14
Income	448.0	478.1e	+0.8	5.30
Intl Gth	81.46	86.61	-0.28	2.14
Jap Index	65.16	69.53	-0.82	0.18
N Amer	285.8	304.8e	-0.1	1.78
Tiger Index	90.08	96.08	-1.30	1.88
UK Index	108.3	115.5	+0.2	4.06
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	54.85	58.78	+0.52	2.43
Euro Port	82.34	88.62e	-0.20	1.50
Jap Portf	46.40	49.45	-0.03	2.23
Pacific Portf	57.75	62.10	+0.09	2.50
Portf	59.46	62.53	-0.04	2.99
UK Inc/Gth	56.74	59.75e	-0.10	7.11
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	517.0	523.2	..	5.43
Fixed Int	137.0	137.7e	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	12.80
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	409.0	409.7e	..	6.69
Acc	£17.25	17.40	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	12.50

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel 0242 577555				
Orient Op Acc	59.12	62.89	-0.79	1.35
Japanese	56.12	59.64	-0.81	0.00
UK Balan Inc	96.07	102.2	-0.10	3.41
Do Acc	108.8	115.7	..	3.41
UK Gth Accum	154.4	164.3	-0.3	2.18
UK HI Inc	115.9	123.3	-0.5	5.04
UK HI Inc Acc	119.9	127.5	-0.5	5.04
N Amer Acc	75.83	80.66	-0.12	1.34
Euro Acc	102.8	109.4	-0.3	0.28
UK Gilt/FI Inc	55.13	58.60	+0.15	8.17
Do Acc	76.40	81.07	+0.21	8.17
Intl Sp S Acc	40.10	42.88	-0.30	0.57
Emerald Opp	53.85	57.29e	-0.05	1.40
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281				
Endurance	144.9	154.1	..	2.84
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	105.6	112.2e	+0.25	4.77
High Inc	112.9	118.8	+0.36	6.02
Gilt/Fxd Interest	48.25	51.84	-0.02	8.46
T Of Inv Tr	111.0	116.9	-0.01	3.15
Spec Sits	99.79	105.0	+0.32	4.14
N Am	71.08	74.85	-0.28	1.54
Far East	175.7	185.0	-1.94	1.23
Intl Gth	75.24	79.20e	-0.34	2.05
Euro	56.30	59.28	+0.10	1.52
Smlr Cos	56.14	59.09	-0.04	5.09
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	258.6	275.1e	+0.3	3.61
Do Inc	194.5	207.0e	-2.7	3.61
Higher Inc Acc	460.4	489.9e	+0.5	5.27
Do Inc	305.0	324.3e	-0.5	5.27
Gilt/Fxd Acc	134.0	141.1e	+0.2	9.10
Do Inc	80.27	84.44e	+0.12	9.10
N America	157.4	167.5e	-0.9	0.00
Far East	224.1	238.5e	-3.6	0.75
Europe	208.3	221.6e	+0.1	0.34
Genl	353.9	376.5e	+0.2	3.60
Genl Acc	366.3	389.7e	+0.2	3.60
Br Excellence	54.19	57.65	-0.03	3.39
Br Fondo Inc	59.25	62.01e	+0.14	6.48
Do Acc	68.44	72.61e	+0.18	6.48
Global Ops	55.94	59.41	-0.38	0.32

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	34.15	36.50	+0.28	2.14
CashTrust**	111.59		e+0.03	12.43
Pract Inv Inc	88.28	94.05e	+0.01	3.76
Do Acc	178.9	189.7e	+0.03	3.76
UK Smll Cos	95.92	102.6	+0.14	2.65
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	84.85	89.36	-0.07	8.16
Preference	20.44	21.85c	-0.01	12.67
High Inc	32.82	35.10e	+0.16	5.13
Income	107.9	115.4	+0.62	3.66
Intl Fxd Int	22.34	23.51e	-0.05	6.76
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	61.10	65.62	-0.22	4.95
Euroventures	19.35	20.55	+0.02	1.65
Frontier Mkts	32.18	34.45e	-0.15	0.57
Glob Inc/Gth	88.20	92.09e	-0.26	3.79
UK/Intl	86.18	92.17	-0.43	3.60
Overseas Trusts				
American	85.55	91.07	-0.50	1.17
European	64.70	68.82e	+0.12	1.12
Euro Sel Opp	84.08	88.22	+0.08	0.39
Am Emerg	44.05	47.24	-0.27	0.00
Hong Kong	47.42	50.82e	-1.05	2.67
Japan	168.9	179.4	-2.78	0.00
Pacific Gth	86.32	92.59	-1.82	1.10
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979				
Intl Gth	100.9	107.9	-0.86	0.70
Amer Growth	76.41	81.72	-0.11	0.00
Euro Growth	58.57	62.57a	-0.20	0.60
Ger Horizons	41.29	44.09	-0.04	1.08
Jap Growth	70.33	75.22e	-0.97	..
Pacific Inc	96.25	102.9	-1.25	2.65
Pacific Strat	64.04	68.49	-0.87	0.00
UK Prog Inc	76.09	80.31	+0.13	6.24
Gt British	47.43	50.72	-0.27	1.75
UK Smll Co	38.65	41.34a	-0.18	4.38
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 30 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8888				
Cash	114.6		e ..	12.73
Gilt/Fxd Interest	108.3	113.7	+0.2	9.10
Gth Equity	271.4	287.1	-0.1	3.17

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
Capital	116.1	123.5	-1.0	2.39
Euro Growth	122.5	130.3	-0.9	3.74
Financial Secs	123.9	131.8	-1.0	3.18
High Return	247.0	262.7	-1.0	6.72
High Yield	214.5	228.1e	-1.1	5.37
Investment	135.8	144.4e	-0.3	2.80
Jap Growth	111.9	118.0	-1.3	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	192.7	204.0	-2.9	0.00
Select Intl	100.8	107.0e	-1.0	1.13
Smlr Cos Inc	205.4	218.5e	-0.6	7.18
UK Equity	228.0	242.5	-1.2	3.89
US Growth	95.08	101.1e	+0.79	0.45
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED				
American	180.0	180.2	+0.3	1.55
Do Acc	180.1	192.1	+0.3	1.55
Do Acc	121.7	129.6	-0.6	1.89
Do Acc	168.1	179.3	+0.7	3.43

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. k Cum stock split. … split. = Cum all (any two of above). a Ex all (any two of above). Dealing or valuation … Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wed… Thursday. (5) Friday.

The prices in th… section refer … Tuesday's tradi…

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17	13	Specialeyes	14	17	—	—	—	—
45	38	Stainless Metal	38	42●	—	1.3	3.3	—
123	73	Stanhope Props	71	75	-13	0.1	0.1	14.6
77	30	Sterling Pub	28	32r	-2	3.3	11.0	2.4
51	27	Sterling Tst	48	53	—	5.3	10.4	8.4
21	12	Sunleigh Elect	15	18	—	—	—	—
45	36	Sutherland	43	45	—	2.1	4.6	—
110	105	Synapse Comp	102	110	-2	4.5	4.2	—
8	8	TDS Circuits	6	10	—	—	—	—
41	21	TLS Range	39	41●	—	2.4	6.0	8.9
220	196	TMD Advert	217	222	—	8.4	3.8	10.6
217	172	TV-am	197	202	-1	16.0	8.0	8.6
20	11	Telecomputing						
31	27	Tencor	27	29	—	—	—	14.4
77	70	Tinsley (Eliza)	73	79	—	6.9	9.1	8.9
58	40	Titon	55	60	+3	4.0	6.9	19.7
41	28	Tower Hire	35	40	—	2.1	5.5	12.1
13	10	Total Systems	11	14	—	—	—	—
4½	1½	Tranwood	2	2½	-¼	—	—	—
133	79	Transworld	120	127	—	—	—	5.3
88	58	Treatt	82	87●	—	4.3	5.1	11.6
86	62	Trencherwood	68	70	—	—	—	3.8
58	38	Triton Hldgs	50	55	+5	—	—	4.1
21	10	Trillion	16	19	+¼	0.7	3.9	—
5	1¼	Tubular Edgings	1½	2¼r	+¼	—	—	6.3
28	22	Tudor	25	30	—	3.6	12.9	7.7
335	245	Utd Friendly	330	340	—	13.7	4.1	—
145	105	Unit Group	102	110	—	—	—	12.0
80	50	Usher (Frank)	48	52	-2	6.0	12.0	4.5
9	3	Ventura Plant	6	7½	—	—	—	—
83	68	VTR Plc	67	72	—	4.4	6.3	6.7
13	8½	Vistec	10½	12	—	—	—	12.4
14	8	Walpole	13	14	—	0.7	5.2	12.4
83	55	Wardle	80	83	—	4.1	6.6	10.5
18	12	Westbeath	16	18	—	—	—	5.8
44	30	Wescol	38	40	—	—	—	21.3
6¼	3	Westport	4½	5½	—	0.6	16.0	3.6
53	23	West Scaffold	38	43	—	6.7	18.3	4.4
8	5¼	Wheeldale	5½	7	—	—	—	92.9
34	28	Whitney Mackay	27	32	—	1.3	4.3	19.8
85	50	Wood John D & Co	75	83	—	2.9	3.7	22.4
31	15	Wld of Leather	25	28	—	—	—	—
187	121	Wyvale	173	177●	-4	4.5	2.8	20.3
68	54	Wyke	62	65	—	6.0	7.8	7.0
7	5¼	XCL Sunrise	5	5½	—	—	—	—
7	5	Xtra-vision	5	9	—	—	—	—
133	120	Young Group	120	122●	-2	6.9	5.7	13.5
4¼	2¼	Zurich Group	3	4	—	—	—	—

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 93.1 (day's range 93.0-93.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7780-1.7950	1.7780-1.7790	0.92-0.91pr	2.50-2.48pr
Montrl	2.0483-2.0705	2.0483-2.0521	0.40-0.37pr	0.82-0.75pr
Amstrdm	3.3604-3.3690	3.3613-3.3650	¾-⅝ds	2¼-2pr
Brussels	61.27-61.52	61.27-61.48	18-13pr	42-37pr
Copnhgn	11.4170-11.4639	11.4326-11.4566	2¾-1¾pr	6¾-4¾pr
Dublin	1.1166-1.1180	1.1166-1.1176	28-17pr	67-47pr
Frankft	2.9823-2.9896	2.9862-2.9898	⅝-½pr	2-1⅞pr
Lisbon	259.50-261.44	259.50-260.53	24-4pr	4pr-53ds
Madrid	183.74-184.75	184.11-184.75	23-31ds	70-82ds
Milan	2212.00-2217.47	2212.28-2217.06	2pr-par	2pr-par
Oslo	11.5910-11.6293	11.6050-11.6293	2-1½pr	4¼-3½pr
Paris	10.0884-10.1172	10.1026-10.1172	2½-2¼pr	6¾-5¾pr
Stckhlm	10.7516-10.7987	10.7516-10.7754	¼pr-⅛ds	1½-1¾ds
Tokyo	241.83-242.86	242.25-242.57	¾-⅝pr	2⅜-2¼pr
Vienna	20.97-21.02	20.98-21.01	5½-4½pr	14¾-12¾pr
Zurich	2.5268-2.5342	2.5310-2.5342	¾-⅝pr	2¼-1⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12½ Finance Hse 13

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12 Low 11½ Week fixed: 12½

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11 21/32; 3 mth 11 7/16. Sell: 2 mth 11 17/32; 3 mth: 11 5/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11 27/32-13/16	11 43/64-41/64	11⅝-11 19/32	10 29/32-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12 15/32	12 15/64	12⅛	11 17/32	
Interbank:	12 5/16-12⅛	12⅛-12	11 31/32-⅞	11⅞-11 13/16	11⅞-11¾
(Overnight: open 12⅛, close 12⅛.					
Local Authority Deps:	12 3/16	n/a	12	11⅞	11 13/16
Sterling CDs:	12 3/16-12 1/16	12 1/32-11 31/32	11 15/16-11⅞	11 9/16-7/16	11¾-11⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.00	6.07-6.02	6.08-6.03	6.22-6.17	6.67-6.62
Building Society CDs:	12⅛-12 3/32	12 3/32-1/32	12 1/16-12	11 11/16-9/16	11 9/16-7/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6 1/16-5⅞	6⅛-5 15/16	6 5/16-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8 15/16-13/16	9⅛-9	9 3/16-9 1/16	8⅝-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9	9 3/16-9 1/16	9 3/16-9 1/16	9⅛-9	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅝-8⅜	8 7/16-8 5/16	8 7/16-8 5/16	8⅛-8	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	8-7⅞	7 13/16-11/16	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $364.10-364.60 Close: $363.00-363.50 High: $364.40-364.90 Low: $362.90-363.40 Krugerrand: $362.50-363.50 (£203.50-204.50)

Sovereigns: Old $86.50-87.50 (£48.75-49.75) New $85.50-86.50 (£48.00-49.00)

Platinum: $226.20 (£405.00) Silver: $3.99 (£2.235) Palladium: $52.60 (£94.50)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17384.2-17429.7
Australia dollar	2.2708-2.2742
Bahrain dinar	0.673-0.681
Brazil cruzeiro *	444.442-445.327
Cyprus pound	0.82-0.83
Finland markka	7.0025-7.0625
Greece drachma	322.15-325.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.9369-13.9486
India rupee	35.21-35.61
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8955-4.9002
Mexico peso	5325-5425
New Zealand dollar	3.0270-3.0339
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6875-6.7675
Singapore dollar	3.1447-3.1483
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8585-5.9599
S Africa rand (com)	4.8211-4.8293
U A E dirham	6.5550-6.6350

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RA…

Ireland	1.58
Singapore	6.02
Malaysia	2.73
Australia	1.28
Canada	1.15
Sweden	6.02
Norway	6.49
Denmark	6.39
W Germany	1.67
Switzerland	1.41
Netherlands	1.87
France	5.66
Japan	135.
Italy	1240
Belgium (Com)	34
Hong Kong	7.79
Portugal	145.
Spain	103.
Austria	11

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Ag… Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.82%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%… rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 24894	Jun 91 Sep 91 Dec 91	2540.0 2580.0	2588.0 2580.0	2537.0 2580.0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 122072	Jun 91 Sep 91 Dec 91	88.86 89.52 89.67	88.88 89.53 89.68	88.85 89.48 89.65
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 33655	Jun 91 Sep 91	93.85 93.36	93.88 93.36	93.84 93.35
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 86249	Jun 91 Sep 91	90.76 90.94	90.78 90.97	90.74 90.92
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6008	Jun 91 Sep 91	95-28	96-08	95-23
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 29507	Jun 91 Sep 91	92-30	93-04	92-21
Japanese Govt Bond Sep 91	Jun 91 96.00	95.77 96.00	95.88 96.00	95.77 95.97
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 80840	Jun 91 Sep 91	85.73 86.10	85.90 86.14	85.64 85.91
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2251	Jun 91 Sep 91	90.69 90.86	90.71 90.90	90.67 90.87

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
174	125	Amer Trust	170	172●	-2	8.3	3.7	37.9
289	213	Ang & O'seas	278	282●	-4	8.2	2.9	42.2
87	67	Anglo Scan Inv Tst	78	81	—	4.5	5.6	15.6
108	80	BZW Conv	99	101●	-½	8.0	8.0	22.4
106	77	Bankers	104	105	-1¼	3.9	3.7	32.6
145	105	Berry Starq	130	132	-1	—	—	58.6

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
113	88¾	Inv Cap	105	107	-1	6.7	6.3	21.4
97	75	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	95	97●	—	9.1	9.5	27.4
143¼	130½	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	140	142	—	—	—	—
161	126	Kleinwort Charter	152	154	-1	6.4	4.2	25.0
165	124	Kleinwort O'seas	160	162●	-1	4.3	2.7	44.8
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	116	118●	-1	6.1	5.2	21.9
415	325	Law Debenture	397	400●	-1	21.3	5.3	22.7
301	229	Majedie	287	292	—	11.3	3.9	31.0
215	164	Merchants	208	210●	-3	12.0	5.7	20.5
21¾	10	Merrill Lynch	20¼		-¼			
353	258	Monks Inv Tst	340	344	-3	8.3	2.4	56.1

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	650-648	May	584-583	May	199.4-98.6
Jul	676-675	Jul	602-601	Aug	204.0-02.0
Sep	700-698	Sep	620-618	Oct	203.6-03.0
Dec	729-728	Nov	636-634	Dec	199.6-98.0
Mar	759-756	Jan	651-649	Mar	198.6-98.2
May	779-777	Mar	665-662	May	200.6-99.2
Vol: 3094		Vol: 2839		Vol: 1524	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	138.20	May	117.25	Apr	119.0-16.0
Jun	140.20	Sep	107.75	Jun	117.5-17.0
Sep	111.25	Nov	111.75	Aug	119.5-19.0
Nov	114.45	Jan	114.90	Oct	124.0-23.0
Jan	117.90	Mar	117.75	Dec	128.0-27.0
Vol	612	Vol	40	Vol	225

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 422

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	141.5	134.0
Sep	77.5	80.0
Oct	80.0	82.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.94	200.68	109.50
(+/−)	−1.31	*−8.47	−0.15
Eng/Wales:	85.94	202.16	108.81
(+/−)	−1.31	−4.35	−0.31
(%)	−5.9	−18.5	+2.6
Scotland:	n/a	181.27	113.96
(+/−)	n/a	−26.11	+1.51
(%)	n/a	−78.4	−17.1

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

Apr	Open:	unq
	Close:	112.3
May	Open:	unq
	Close:	113.3
Jun	Open:	unq
	Close:	113.6

Volume: 64

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1378.0-1380.0	1366.0-1367.0	439675
Lead (£/tonne)	343.00-343.50	353.00-353.50	102975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1285.0-1290.0	1203.0-1205.0	258675
Tin ($/tonne)	5600-5601	5595-5600	11200
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1413.0-1414.0	1443.0-1444.0	521425
Nickel ($/tonne):	9100.0-9110.0	9125.0-9135.0	6246

FOX MGMI… (5pm pric…)

	Bid
Apr	154.2
May	154.0
Jun	154.0

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - Londo…

A large drawdown in American crude oil and… stocks had the inevitable effect on oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.30
Brent 15 day (May)	19.50
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.00
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.00
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.65

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt deliver…

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	284 (+5)	
Gasoil EEC	178 (+2)	
Non EEC 1H May	176 (+5)	
Non EEC 1H Jun	171 (+3)	
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (+1)	
Naphtha	195 (+7)	

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Apr	180.75-80.50	Aug	169
May	172.75-72.50	Sep	172
Jun	169.50-69.00	Oct	17
Jul	169.00-68.00		

BRENT

May	19.45-19.50	Jul	18
Jun	18.95-19.00		

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/p…

	High	Low
Apr 91	1520	1500
May 91	1420	1420
Jul 91	1150	1145
Oct 91		

Vol: 297 lots Open interest: 35…

Dry cargo index: 1593 −18

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares finish above worst

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 2. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day April 15. Settlement day April 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
485	314	Warburg SG	428	435	-6	20.0	4.6	7.5
183	109	Do 6% 'A'	143	145	-3	8.0	5.5	–
43¾	25	Wells Fargo	41¼		● -1¼	–	–	–
183	128	Westpac	172	178	-1	–	–	–
353	285	Wintrust	345	355	–	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	460	Allied-Lyons	502	505	-1	22.4	4.5	10.8
10¾	857	Bass	940	947	r +7	43.2	4.6	9.8
175	124	Boddington	180	183	● -6	8.0	4.9	10.9
244	173	Bulmer (H P)	227	235	–	10.6	4.5	17.3
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	118	125	-5	5.3	4.3	11.4
175	135	Devenish (JA)	170	175	+3	7.1	4.1	12.7
61	53	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55	–	–	–	–
639	423	Grand Met	606	610	-3	27.2	3.4	14.6
359	274	Greenall Whit	333	339	–	13.3	4.0	12.9
434	374	Greene King	428	430	+5	13.6	3.2	15.2
919	717	Guinness	906	914	● +1	25.0	2.7	14.3
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	945	952	–	44.7	4.7	11.7
279	225	Highland Dist	283	288	+2	8.6	2.5	20.2
167	120	Invergordon Dist	159	162	● +3	6.7	4.2	13.3
455	420	Mansfield	435	445	–	15.3	3.5	11.5
274	185	Marston Thompson	271	215	–	5.6	2.8	17.3
400	362	Matthew Clark	390	397	–	18.0	4.6	13.7
303	240	Morland	285	295	+2	8.6	3.1	13.6
615	555	SA Breweries	605	620	+10	–	–	–
409	308	Scot & New	375	380	+5	18.2	4.8	13.6
253	174	Vaux Group	228	233	–	11.7	5.1	11.9
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	459	467	+2	20.4	4.4	13.0
13¾	13¾	Do 'B'	13	13¾	–	20.4	1.5	37.3
591	395	Wolverhampton & D	497	505	+4	12.4	2.5	14.2
447	369	Young 'A'	405	422	–	18.0	3.9	19.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	62	72	-3	–	–	–
271	166	Amec	253	257	+2	13.5	5.3	11.8
74	17	Anglia Sec	60	64	-1			
95	73	Arncliffe	82	95	–	9.0	10.1	2.3
254	182	Attwoods	250	257	+4	6.5	2.8	22.1
252	171	BPB Ind	223	227	–	15.0	6.7	9.8
105	89	Baggeridge Brick	102	107	–	4.2	4.0	12.4
50	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	32	37	● –	1.5	4.3	3.7
118	57	Barratt Devs	107	110	● +4	12.0	11.0	11.5
185	82	Beazer PLC	178	179	● –	10.3	5.8	10.3
293	144	Bellway	252	257	● -1	14.7	5.5	14.2
19	10	Bellwinch	10	13	–	–	–	–
319	212	Berkeley Gp	313	318	r +1	6.0	1.9	11.4
163	107	Bett Bros	147	157	-1	8.5	5.6	11.5
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY, STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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ELECTRICITY

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE

[illegible]

MINING

[illegible]

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

[illegible]

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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402	135	News Corp	385	395	-10	–	–	–
165	85	News Intl	155	165	-1	3.8	3.6	–
785	590	Pearson	755	760	-2	31.0	4.1	18.0
308	225	Portsmouth Sund	280	285	+3	11.0	4.2	8.8
467	343	Reed Intl	455	460	+1	18.2	4.2	13.8
74	44	Southnews	65	70	–	3.2	4.7	8.1
16	14	[illegible]	13	15	–	1.3b	8.7	9.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	800	830	–	–	–	–
252	179	Trinity Intl	248	256	● –	10.7	4.2	11.7
380	276	Utd Newspapers	363	370	-1	28.0	7.6	11.6

OILS, GAS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
40	29	Argo Energy	32	35	+1	–	–	–
15	4¾	Atlantic Resources	3¾	4¾	-¼	–	–	–
45	30	Aus. Oil & Gas	42	47	–	–	–	–
16	10¾	Aztec Pet	11½	12½	–	–	–	–
12	8¾	[illegible]	9½	11	–	–	–	5.0
650	555	Br Borneo	640	655	● –	28.4	4.4	9.0
280	216½	British Gas	252	254	-3	14.7	5.8	12.1
346	285½	Br Petroleum	333	334	● +½	21.4	6.4	10.6
614	474	Burmah Castrol	597	602	-7	30.7	5.1	11.3
270	175	Cairn Energy	170	180	-14	–	–	22.3
246	194	Calor Gp	225	235	-1	16.0	6.9	15.0
14	12½	Caspen Oil	12	13	–	–	–	–
143	83	Century	140	145	+17	6.0	5.8	–
159	126	Clyde Pet	128	130	● -3½	1.7	1.3	31.3
615	485	Enterprise	588	592	● +7	20.0	3.5	18.4
62	40	Evs Comp Louisiana	38	42	-5	–	–	–
95	72	Goal Pet	92	94	● -2	1.5	1.6	21.9
145	108	Gt Western Res	104	113	–	5.5	5.0	–
23¾	15¾	Hamilton	22¾		● -¼	–	–	–
218	168	Hardy O & G	213	215	-2	–	–	21.0
5¾	2	Kelt Energy	4¾	5¾	-¼	–	–	–
394	317	LASMO	349	352	● -2	11.3	3.2	18.0
180	160	Do Units	155	170	● –	34.6	21.3	–
40¾	29¾	Monument	40½	41	+¼	–	–	26.8
15	11	New London	14	15¼	–	–	–	–
31	26	Nth Sea Assets	29¾	31	–	–	–	10.9
27	20	Oil Search	26	28	–	–	–	–
46	27	Petrocon	35	40	–	1.8	4.7	8.6
10	6	[illegible]	8	11	+1	–	–	–
64	45	Premier	46	49	–	–	–	28.1
310	270	[illegible]	300	308	-1	–	–	–
438	331	Ranger	375	385	● -4	–	–	–
44¾	37¾	Royal Dutch F/S	43¾		-¾	–	–	–
491	420	Shell	482	484	● -2	20.8	5.5	12.2
180	143	Sovereign	152	153	–	–	–	–
5	4	Target Res	2	6	–	–	–	–
113	84	Triton Europe	108	113	–	1.0	0.9	78.0
358	291	Ultramar	336	339	● -4	14.0	4.1	10.5
133	102	Woodside	128	131	-3	–	–	–

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
116	78	API	105	110	–	9.0	8.3	10.6
288	175	Abbott Mead	265	270	● –	10.4	3.9	11.1
9	1¼	Acsis Group	4	5	–	0.5	11.1	1.7
13¾	10	Addison Cons	13¾	13	–	–	–	–
244	112	Aegis Gp	228	232	-2	7.8	3.4	8.2
103	76	[illegible]	98	103	● –	6.1	6.0	7.0
197	110	Bemrose	185	193	● -1	15.7b	8.3	8.3
53	33	[illegible]	49	53	–	..	..	14.2
100	54	Buzzl	95	97	● -1	7.9	8.2	12.5
118	83	CIA Gp	115	120	● –	4.3	3.8	10.1
159	124	Cropper (James)	148	153	-1	3.7	2.5	13.8
50	32	Dalyn Packaging	47	50	–	1.9	3.9	9.9
258	181	Ferguson Intl	250	253	+2	18.7	8.8	10.7
81	29	Fitch-RS	58	62	-1	2.0	3.3	1.8
39¾	20	Geers Gross	32	34	–	2.7	8.2	7.8
133	83	Gold Greenlees	120	123	–	11.1	9.1	4.0
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PROPERTY

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SHOES, LEATHER

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TEXTILES

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TRANSPORT

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WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	281	Anglian Water	303	305	-1	20.4	6.5	6.7
334	263	Northumbrian	314	317	+2	21.4	5.5	4.7
319	257	North West	307	310	-2	21.0	6.5	8.2
294	231	Severn Trent	289	292	+4	16.8	5.5	8.2
300	229	Sthn Water	273	277	+3	20.0	5.8	7.4
327	255	South West	295	298	-1	23.2	6.3	5.8
315	259	Thames Water	312	315	+4	21.4	5.8	9.4
358	272	Welsh Water	303	307	-4	22.4	5.5	6.8
365	265	Wessex Water	361	365	+5	20.3	4.6	8.7
328	264	Yorkshire Water	320	323	–	20.8	5.3	8.4
£3095	£1000	Package Unit	£3095		+£10			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

Into Europe bearing the torch for Britain

As the world celebrates the bicentenary of Faraday's birth, Nick Nuttall looks at the institution sparked by his achievements and the challenges of mergers and EC legislation.

Two hundred years after the birth of Michael Faraday, the discoverer of electromagnetism, the learned body spawned by his work, the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), stands on the brink of some of the most significant changes in its 110-year history.

The talk in the corridors of Savoy Place, London, the headquarters of the IEE, is thick with the opportunities and *challenges Europe* presents, including courtships with continental sister bodies, the importance of a unified voice in the Brussels decision-making, and the legal intricacies of Europe-wide professional qualifications.

In Britain, the fast-moving legislative timetable, for which expert submissions have been required on everything from computer-hacking and the government's white paper on the environment to the privatisation of the electricity industry, may have eased somewhat, but there is no room for complacency.

The need to attract motivated and able students into the electrical and electronics professions has become pressing as increasing numbers of school-leavers and university graduates shun engineering fields and the related disciplines of physics and mathematics in favour of business studies and the bigger salaries offered in the City.

At the same time, the institution's 110,000 members are becoming deeply involved in a series of debates on possible mergers with the Institution of Production Engineers and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

The IEE's council has recommended a merger with the production engineers and members will vote on this next month. The machinery is being primed for the institution's various committees and boards to discuss the merits of a merger with "the mechanicals". A members ballot is expected in January 1992.

The IEE's role as a learned and cultural body continues unabated, with a busy schedule of meetings in *London, the regions and overseas* planned throughout the year. Themes reflecting the membership's many interests include science and engineering in medicine, and the impact of research on future telecommunications systems, to advanced robotics initiatives and safety developments in the offshore oil and gas industries.

John Williams, the IEE's secretary and chief executive, believes the institution, with its tradition of high quality journals and information services, is well placed among Europe's electrically related bodies to help spearhead the voice of *British and European professionals*. To this end, the IEE is playing a key role in energising Eurel, the pan-European body of 18 electronics and electrical societies.

"Over its 20 years, Eurel has been basically a talking shop, but it has been decided to have a manned secretariat which will look after the professions in terms of the European Commission directives," Mr Williams says.

A more active Eurel will, on behalf of each national society, sift the torrent of information pouring out of the EC, as well as promoting the contributions electrical engineers can *make* to such *issues* as the European environment.

Inspiration: John Williams, the IEE secretary, and Faraday's statue

A revamped Eurel will also be forming multinational teams to make expert submissions to the EC on such matters as research policy and the economic consequences of electrically related legislation.

The IEE has continued to forge links overseas, both inside and outside the EC, through which the institution promotes the exchange of technical information and research advances. Centres have been, or are being, established in European countries, including France, the Benelux countries, Switzerland, *Germany, Greece, Cyprus* and Sweden.

Mr Williams says an agreement had been reached with the Norwegian electrical institution under which their members receive, for an annual fee, the IEE's selection of journals, magazines and technological updates.

Members are also applying enthusiatically to Feani, the European body that deals with all the engineering bodies, for the Eureng qualification, which they can place after their names. Of about 8,000 who applied in the past 18 months, more than 5,000 were from the UK.

Mr Williams accepts that the institution's increased activities in Europe may have made some continental bodies suspicious of the IEE's true intentions, amid concerns that the institution is on a poaching exercise. The emphasis on collaboration in areas such as Eurel has, Mr Williams says, helped to quell those concerns.

Nevertheless, there are still important areas which remain to be addressed, not least the EC's directive on the mutual recognition of qualifications. To become a member of the IEE, a British candidate must satisfy the institution that he or she has sound educational qualifications, has been well trained and has taken responsibility within industry or academia.

Some candidates are rejected, and under the terms of the institution's royal charter, determined by the Privy Council, he or she has no right of appeal. This, however, clashes with the planned EC directive covering cross-border recognition of professionals seeking to work within the community but outside their native country.

The trade and industry department has signalled that, in a test case, Brussels would take precedent over the Privy Council. The institution's view is that, instead of altering their procedures, a wait-and-see policy is more prudent.

"Let's see what happens if a test case is brought," Mr Williams says. Such a case could equally come from a continental production or mechanical engineer as much as from an electrical or electronics professional.

He emphasises that it would be premature to predict the way members will vote on the proposed mergers with the mechanicals and production engineers. However, that these bodies are in discussion at all underlines the way in which traditional demarcations are fading.

"Manufacturing engineering is closer to electronics and electrical engineering than ten or 20 years ago. This also applies to mechanical engineering," Mr Williams says.

A similiar blurring is taking place in universities and polytechnics. Mr Williams believes there will be an emerging trend towards more integrated courses, with students increasingly able to pick and choose related but different subjects at different universities during their three or four year degree course.

There is even an increasing push to make a proportion of a student's degree cross-border. At Mr Williams's old university, Queen Mary College, London, this is being coordinated through the European initiative Comet.

Under the scheme, British electrical and electronics undergraduates have been swapping the delights of the Mile End Road for a year in Paris with French students.

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Most people who want to be chartered professionals in the electrical or electronics industry will have applied to be members of the Institution of *Electrical Engineers* by the time they reach 30.

The approval process for British applicants is exacting but well established.

A second class honours degree on a course accredited by the IEE, at least two years training in industry and about two years in a position of responsibility in industry or academia is the traditional route *(Nick Nuttall writes)*.

To raise standards, the institution began accrediting training courses in 1988. The companies *involved* include British Steel and Racal, and industrialists have, in the main, hailed the scheme as a great success, and a way of attracting high quality graduates. So popular is the initiative that there is a year's waiting list for companies wanting to join.

Where the vetting process is becoming more complicated is in assessing the growing number of candidates who have qualified by less clear-cut paths, or from overseas. In Britain, an increasing number *of applicants are qualifying* as mature students on courses such a those run by BTEC.

Also complicating matters are changes being made by university and *polytechnic* engineering departments, which, to meet funding shortfalls, are turning towards more collaborative near-market research with industry.

"More than a decade ago we raised standards through accreditation. Over the past three or four years accreditation, these have has been maintained but, recently, with increasing difficulty," says Clive Halthom, the IEE's director of quali

The main area of however, is coming intricacies of asses worth of education dards and attainm *overseas applicants.*

Many Commo countries, such as New Zealand and the West Indies, and th Colony of Hong Ko courses accredited by So, too, have countrie Ireland and the Unit

Nevertheless, the candidates from nat as India, whose often used British examiners, is prov difficult to screen years ago.

"It *is not so* easy t about standards no have to rely on local ics and industrialists cases we may requir idate to jump anoth tional hurdle," Mr says.

The enthusiasm emerging central an European democra have courses and ionals recognised by proving a challenge.

Visits by in members to such as Hung Czechoslovakia hav lished that students ar ers are mostly of high but they lack researc ment.

To improve links crease an applicant's of success, the instit installing eight corres members in former I tain countries draw local academic and i backgrounds.

There are also i numbers of member quiries from China, w being handled by the tion's Hong Kong cen

Showing the way: Clive Halthom at IEE headqu

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kes profiles the scientist
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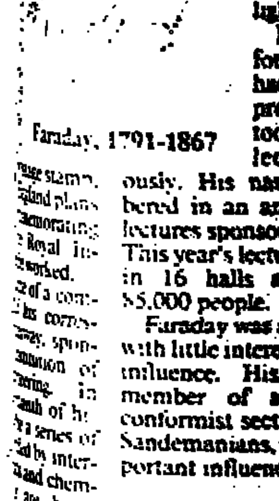
his humble origins

part of the IEE's Faraday archive, will be published this year in an edition by Brian Bowers, of the Science Museum, and Lenore Symons, archivist at the IEE.

Faraday was an experimentalist of superb skill. He was working at a time when it was still possible to make great progress in physics without a profound understanding of mathematics, but he had the knack of designing simple experiments that would yield huge results. He possessed what all great scientists need: the ability to pursue an objective while keeping an open mind, so that even unexpected or contrary results are not ignored.

His chemical discoveries alone would have ensured his fame: he discovered benzene, the basis of the chemical dye [illegible]try, and synthesised [illegible]pounds of carbon with [illegible]orine. He made optical quality glass, and liquefied gases, but all this seems no more than an overture to his great discovery, made at the age of 40. Later he formulated the laws of electrolysis, and spent many years working on the effects of magnetic fields on light.



Faraday, 1791-1867

Faraday never forgot how he had learnt his profession, and took the art of lecturing seriously. His name is remembered in an annual series of lectures sponsored by the IEE. This year's lectures were given in 16 halls and heard by 85,000 people.

Faraday was a modest man, with little interest in money or influence. His faith, as a member of a small nonconformist sect known as the Sandemanians, was an important influence.

He could have made a lot of money by advising industry, but gave this up as soon as he found it interfered with his real work. He refused a knighthood from Queen Victoria, although he did accept, in 1858, a grace and favour residence at Hampton Court, where he died in 1867.

For a man who transformed the world, Faraday had an extraordinary modesty; he was almost too good to be true. Every night, in his diary, he recorded the experiments he had conducted that day. He wrote hundreds of letters, marked by clarity of thought and absence of polemic.

This year the industry he helped to create, and the institution that represents it, will do their best to ensure his memory is further burnished. His best memorial, however, remains the silent, clean, and convenient form of energy upon which the whole world now depends.

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part of the IEE's Faraday archive, will be published this year in an edition by Brian Bowers, of the Science Museum, and Lenore Symons, archivist at the IEE.

Faraday was an experimentalist of superb skill. He was working at a time when it was still possible to make great progress in physics without a profound understanding of mathematics, but he had the knack of designing simple experiments that would yield huge results. He possessed what all great scientists need: the ability to pursue an objective while keeping an open mind, so that even unexpected or contrary results are not ignored.

His chemical discoveries alone would have ensured his fame: he discovered benzene, the basis of the chemical dye industry, and synthesised compounds of carbon with chlorine. He made optical quality glass, and liquefied gases, but all this seems no more than an overture to his great discovery, made at the age of 40. Later he formulated the laws of electrolysis, and spent many years working on the effects of magnetic fields on light.

Faraday, 1791-1867

Faraday never forgot how he had learnt his profession, and took the art of lecturing seriously. His name is remembered in an annual series of lectures sponsored by the IEE. This year's lectures were given in 16 halls and heard by 85,000 people.

Faraday was a modest man, with little interest in money or influence. His faith, as a member of a small nonconformist sect known as the Sandemanians, was an important influence.

He could have made a lot of money by advising industry, but gave this up as soon as he found it interfered with his real work. He refused a knighthood from Queen Victoria, although he did accept, in 1858, a grace and favour residence at Hampton Court, where he died in 1867.

For a man who transformed the world, Faraday had an extraordinary modesty; he was almost too good to be true. Every night, in his diary, he recorded the experiments he had conducted that day. He wrote hundreds of letters, marked by clarity of thought and absence of polemic.

This year the industry he helped to create, and the institution that represents it, will do their best to ensure his memory is further burnished. His best memorial, however, remains the silent, clean, and convenient form of energy upon which the whole world now depends.

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Switched on: Peter Clague, director of Inspec at the IEE, provides the latest research

The Italian connection

Its computerised reference library serves the world

THE main reputation of Frascati, Italy, rests on the region's production of a cheeky, fruity wine. Less well known is the town's position as one of nine international nerve centres for a computerised reference library, which helps to keep engineers abreast of the crucial but bewildering number of advances in physics, electronics, computing and control *(Nick Nuttall writes)*.

The data base, called Inspec, was conceived more than 20 years ago by the IEE to log the surge in research papers spilling from the world's electronics companies, universities and technology centres in areas such as semiconducting, space flight and solid-state physics.

The data base, which has grown into the institution's largest department and a world leader, can be accessed for a fee by telephone from almost anywhere in the world via "gateways" in France, America, Canada, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Taiwan.

The spirit and motivation for the data base lies in the founding members of the IEE who, more than a century ago, recognised the need for a simple way of summarising and finding authoritative sources for new developments in their fields.

What emerged were publications of abstracts in the relevant areas of electrical engineering and physics with a third, covering computing and control engineering, emerging in the Sixties as the data processing and information technology age dawned.

The institution still publishes abstracts in paper form, important for areas with poor telecommunications.

A series of 20 other publications, *Key Abstracts*, is also published, covering such diverse fields as high temperature superconductors, telecommunications, robotics, and microwave technology.

The focus is on Inspec, which this year will boast more than 3,750,000 items, says Peter Clague, Inspec's director. The rate of growth of new additions is about 5 per cent a year, with about 90 per cent of the data base's customers abroad.

The task of screening 4,000 journals and the proceedings of 1,000 conferences falls to Mr Clague's staff of 130, based at the institution's offices in Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Every two weeks an update to the data base is shipped to the on-line service companies around the world, and Inspec's staff can translate many foreign languages to enable items to be included. A plan to provide some universities with access to full research papers is being discussed.

Old hands spark interest

Retired engineers and teachers are returning to the classroom to give children lessons.

Nick Nuttall reports

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Look and learn: retired engineer Neville Osborn gives Paul Wigglesworth, aged 15, an electronics lesson

When Neville Osborn retired from the Yorkshire Electricity Board in 1985 he hardly expected to be returning to secondary school education five years later. Yet, once a week he travels a mile from his home in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire to the King James school to join a class of about 20 studying technology as part of a GCSE course.

Mr Osborn is one of nearly 300, mainly retired electrical engineers, who have joined project "Uncle", a three-year-old regional initiative of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) to help schoolchildren with electronics projects.

During his weekly visits he joins 15 and 16-year-olds who are designing, building, testing and compiling reports on devices ranging from electronic feeding systems for goldfish and rabbits to electronic boot polishers.

"What you try to do is get them to reason along engineering lines . . . to focus on the central problem," says Mr Osborn, a fellow of the IEE.

He believes the work is also useful for teachers, many of whom formerly taught metal and woodwork.

"A couple of years ago the curriculum changed to craft, design and technology, and threw a lot of the traditional stuff out. Teachers have had to retrain and, I believe, they are grateful for the assistance of a qualified engineer," Mr Osborn says.

On a personal and institutional level he also believes it is worthwhile. "It keeps the old grey matter working and there is a great sense of satisfaction if you can get a pupil to become keen and enthusiastic about electronics," says Mr Osborn, a former lecturer at Leicester university.

Project "Uncle" is one of many initiatives being run by the IEE to stimulate schoolchildren's interest in electronics and electrical engineering at a time of falling applications to universities and polytechnics.

A task force set up last year under the chairmanship of Brian Manley, the IEE president-elect, will make its final report in April to the institution's executive board.

From about 750,000 children entering secondary school education, only about 3,000 will enter electrical engineering and related fields. The task force is recommending that the most cost-effective way of tackling this is to target students aged from eight to 14 by providing technical support to teachers.

During the past year the institution has also founded a data base of schools called SchoolNet. Di Winfield, who co-ordinates the schools initiatives, says the data includes the names of teachers schools linked with the institu through conferences, lectures an IEE's magazine, *Electronics cation*. The IEE provides schools games which reflect the instituti diverse activities to stimulate int among pupils and students.

The IEE also awards scholars and grants for further education British and overseas students rently get grants.

Making safety the top priority

World forum plans to set international standards for life-saving software

Over the next few months, legally binding standards covering software used in safety systems are expected to be approved by the 41 member nations of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), one of the oldest international standards bodies reporting to the United Nations.

The standards will cover the quality of the kinds of computer programmes which are playing increasingly important roles, from the control of a nuclear power station's emergency shut-down system to computer-controlled anti-lock brakes on cars, which, if they malfunction, could put lives at risk *(Nick Nuttall writes)*.

The arrival of standards marks the culmination of almost a decade of intense debate at institutional and governmental level, with discussion in Britain and overseas stimulated by members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE).

Some academics have warned that unless software can be proven to be flawless, it should be banned from safety critical use.

Others have emphasised that society cannot stand still waiting for such lofty goals. Mankind would have achieved little if engineers, when designing projects such as iron bridges or aircraft flight systems, had to guarantee they would never fail.

The standards which have been laid down, and to which member nations, including Britain, are expected to give their support, attempt to balance the reasonable expectations of society with the costs to industry, commerce and the software engineers.

Onerous standards could have harmed the smaller computer software companies. But if there were no standards, there would be a danger that, if a serious computer malfunction occurred, governments might hastily impose irrationally harsh and all embracing laws on software system design to head off politically sensitive criticism.

The pragmatic balance that has been achieved is largely thanks to the efforts of Phil Bennett, the chairman of the IEE's safety critical systems committee and of the IEC's four-year-old working group.

Some influential organisations had proposed a simple, two-tier standard and had pushed for a technique known as formal methods to be part of the package. This involves the use of elaborate mathematical calculations to check that software is flaw-free.

Instead, the IEC proposals call for five graded levels of safety critical standards which will, it is believed, also promote best practice by restricting software engineers to their levels of expertise.

Dr Bennett says, however, that computers are a bit like fire extinguishers. "Try to design one that is perfect and it is likely that it will be too expensive for most people to afford. It is all a balance," he says.

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TIMES La Crème de la Crème

Gooch's wondrous year receives its due

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

Graham Gooch, one of sport's most reluctant heroes, picked up another award yesterday when he was named England player of the year. As one of the panel responsible for choosing him, I can reveal that it took all of 15 seconds to reach our verdict.

Gooch's achievements during the past 12 months would be enough to make him the player of many another season, too. His batting has been commanding, his captaincy inspirational. Through it all, he has kept emotion on a tight rein, reacting to the many high points with the careful self-effacement which is the torment of those who prefer their stars to laugh or cry, shout or swear.

Only when the bad times arrived did Gooch consciously lower his guard and display his feelings. When the Australian tour this past winter degenerated to a shambles, he spared the sensitivities of no one, least of all himself.

His uncensored assessment of England's attitude and performance was as fierce a condemnation as I have heard from a national captain. And, because it was Gooch, you knew it came from the heart and that the heart must be heavy for him to say it.

With sad inevitability, England's decline and fall in Australia has upstaged all the good work which went before. Gooch's reputation may have survived but people need reminding of his wondrous deeds last summer, even of the triple-century at Lord's. Memories are short in sport.

Yesterday, the England captain accepted his £5,000 cheque from Cornhill Insurance after a two-hour meeting with Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England committee, and Micky Stewart, the team manager. Later in the afternoon, Dexter's committee went into session, doubtless to discuss Australia but with this summer's sorties against the West Indies now the priority.

Dexter was unable to say when he would be naming the captain for the series but it is a safe bet that the only issue is not whether Gooch will be reappointed but for how long. There were moments in Australia when it occurred to Gooch that he might be happier without the job, but now that he is prepared to stand he has no rival.

"I didn't get completely despondent on tour," Gooch recalled. "You have to live with whatever happens and be as optimistic as you can. I have learned a lot in the past few years and one good thing is to try and think positively no matter how bad everything seems.

"Even when the tour was going so wrong I could console myself with the sheer enjoyment of playing cricket, which might sound trite but is actually very important to me."

With that, Gooch explained away his persona. He plays his game for love and it is because of this that he became so unusually intolerant of those in Australia who appeared to have so little pride and commitment.

He relates a conversation he had with Stewart only a week into the tour. "We knew by then that it was not the same as it had been in the West Indies," he said. "The atmosphere was different. We had both noticed it. The disappointing thing is that we could do nothing to change it and it stayed exactly the same until the day we flew home.

"I don't think I endeared myself to the players by speaking my mind at the end. On reflection, maybe I was harsh because nobody can give less than their best for England. But there were things which needed saying and there are players whose careers will be in question if they carry on in the same way."

Gooch will be telling them as much when the squad gathers at Lord's for two days next week, but yesterday, in the haven of the Hurlingham Club, Gooch looked back on a hectic round of speeches, public appearances and, of course, dedicated training in the weeks since the tour ended. Then, with some relief, he looked ahead to the cricket.

"I am always happiest playing and practising. My motivation for being captain of England had nothing to do with the status. I didn't even think about that. I have noticed it now, of course. If I am out, people will nudge each other and point. People want to talk to you when you are captain. You are in demand. There are others who relish all that but I would rather get back to playing."

These are not the glib words of a complacent superstar. This is Gooch as he really is. Cricket still captivates him and he is determined that, when his active days are over, he will stay on in a coaching or managerial job.

Typically, he wants to look no further ahead than this summer. "I'm looking forward to one more shot at the West Indies and, despite what happened in the winter, we do have the talent to beat them."

Self-effacing leader: Gooch with his award as England player of the year

SWIMMING

Selection rewards for three

By CRAIG LORD

SUCCESS at the world championships in January has paid dividends for Adrian Moorhouse, Nick Gillingham and Ian Wilson in the form of pre-selection for the European championships, to be held at Athens in August.

Pre-selection will allow the three men to work uninterrupted until Athens and without the worry of having to taper for the trials. Swimmers lose the beneficial effects of shaving down — the removal of all hairs on the shoulders, arms and legs for greater speed in the water — if they do so too many times.

Moorhouse, the Olympic champion from City of Leeds, and Gillingham, the European champion from City of Birmingham, are ranked second in Europe in the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke respectively behind Norbert Rozsa, the Hungarian who became world champion at the 100 metres and won the silver medal at the 200 metres in January.

Wilson, of Borough of Sunderland, stands third in Europe at 1,500 metres freestyle, behind the Germans, Jörg Hoffman and Stefan Pfeiffer.

The rest of the British face a more uncertain passage to Athens. While the qualifying times are relatively lenient on paper — five women have already surpassed the backstroke standards — competitors must clock the times at the national championships at Leeds in July.

Sudden-death trials have been the subject of much debate in recent years. The United States dropped the policy last year for the first time in more than 40 years and had a very successful world championships in January. However, America was also the most successful swimming nation in the world throughout much of the time it used sudden-death trials to select teams.

☐ Joanne Deakins, of the Gloucester City club, broke her own Commonwealth short course 200 metres backstroke record in gaining a silver medal at the World Cup meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, on Tuesday night. Her time of 2min 10.17sec compared with the world record-equalling 2min 07.74sec of the winner, Dagmar Hase, of Germany.

SPORTS LETTERS

Rink closure brings misery

From Mrs Shirley Lewty

Sir, Top Rank Leisure UK Ltd. has decided to close the ice rink in Bradford. I would like to invite the board of directors to come to the city this Sunday, the announced date of closure, to see for themselves what misery and devastation they will cause to large numbers of people by this action.

We have the support of many groups in our area, MPs, council, police and the media. However, this does not seem to be enough to persuade the Rank Leisure board to keep our rink open and let thousands of people enjoy skating. If Rank contend that it is not a viable proposition, my reply is that the excellent skating courses and facilities are never publicised.

This sort of closure happens all too often all over the country, with no hope of the paying public having any say in the decisions made by large companies with no feelings. If it were not for the consumer, there would be no large companies in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
SHIRLEY LEWTY,
9 Canal Lane, Lofthouse Gate,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Snub to disabled

From Mr Frank Gardner

Sir, Jane Wyatt's report (April 3) that three national sporting championships for the disabled are likely to be cancelled due to lack of sponsorship makes depressing reading. The sums involved in these projects are, by modern standards, peanuts, and it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the reason for commerce's apparent indifference is that such events lack the attraction of television exposure.

There is, it seems, no percentage in helping out those who, by their total vulnerability, are most in need of help.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK GARDNER,
11 Hinton Road,
Wallington, Surrey.

Adornment to the Boat Race

From Mr Richard Burnell

Sir, Whatever Professor Cameron (April 4) may consider to be widely understood about University sporting events, the fact is that the Boat Race has always been open to overseas students (the first rowed in 1861); there has never been any age-limit (E. Wilder rowed for Cambridge in 1846 at age 29); and the first graduates rowed in 1842.

Eligibility is a matter for negotiation between the Oxford and Cambridge blues committees, and the present code was requested and drafted by Cambridge in 1975.

Professor Cameron does not reveal which blues in recent years he considers not to have been "genuine" students, but he does refer to overseas blues as "mercenaries", which is both demonstrably untrue and offensive. Did he, one wonders, regard Louis McCagg, Bob Monks, John Lecky and Boyce Budd, among the many who helped Cambridge to victory in the past, as "mercenaries"? At *Oxford* we have always regarded them as old friends who added distinction to the Boat Race scene in their time.

As to the suggestion that Oxford's current run of success threatens to kill the Boat Race, the longest winning sequence (13-0) was by Cambridge between 1924 and 1936; the longest dominant period (17-1) was by Cambridge between 1914 and 1936; the biggest winning margins in this century, ranging from ten to 20 lengths, were all by Cambridge; the biggest margin of wins ever enjoyed was 15 for Cambridge in 1973; and Oxford are still two behind in the overall total and have not been level since 1929. My guess is that if the Boat Race managed to survive those one-sided statistics, it will also survive Professor Cameron's disapproval.

Of course Oxford found their long years in the wilderness (when the Cambridge prayer used to be, "Please God let Oxford win the Boat Race, but not this year") painful; but I cannot recall that they ever pleaded unfairness. If Cambridge really believe that they are presently losing year after year because of unfairness, instead of asking themselves why they no longer get the intake of good oarsmen they used to attract, they may well remain out in the cold for a long time.

But I cannot believe the majority of my Cambridge friends are as myopic as is Professor Cameron, who some years ago, incidentally, used to work hard to bring good oarsmen into his department at Imperial College, London. I seem to remember that he once remarked to me that he found the best oarsmen made the best students — but that of course would not apply to mercenaries from the United States who cannot be regarded as "genuine students".

RICHARD BURNELL,
Alders Farm House,
North Moreton,
Didcot, Oxfordshire.

From Mr L. R. Carew

Sir, Surely Mr Obholzer, the Oxford president, showed himself the true Boat Race traditionalist, by handing out a reminder that it is really a private shindig between two small groups of students. Perhaps some people were beginning to forget this.

Perhaps, too, the toss should be abolished, so that the previous year's loser has choice of station.

Yours faithfully,
L. R. CAREW,
3 Drumkeen Court,
Upper Galwally, Belfast.

From Mr M. C. Crowdy

Sir, Your leading article (April 1) provokes more serious suggestions. Given that a good heavy crew will beat a good light one, what about some degree of handicapping by weight? This would also penalize, without forbidding, the enlisting of older graduates from other universities.

Yours truly,
M. C. CROWDY,
Rymehorn Cottage, Holnest,
Sherborne, Dorset.

Exceptional wins

From Mr Leslie T. Hallam

Sir, I took exception to the report (later editions, April 4) of the match between Brighton and Port Vale.

Two of the adjectives used to describe Port Vale were "humble" and "unexceptional". Perhaps your reporter, Clive White, considers the "exceptional" teams in the second division to be those challenging for promotion, namely Oldham Athletic, West Ham United and Sheffield Wednesday. I am sure that I do not need to remind him that Oldham were unbeaten this season until they came to Vale Park and it was not until last Saturday that West Ham managed to beat Port Vale in two seasons in this division. Furthermore, Port Vale held Sheffield Wednesday to a draw at Hillsborough.

Eight short years ago, Port Vale were a very poor outfit struggling in the fourth division and now, in 1991, to be an established second division side (much to the chagrin of their neighbours, Stoke City) might be considered an "exceptional" performance by the manager, John Rudge, and his backroom team.

Yours faithfully,
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Staffordshire.

France sets an example

From Mr Brian Pilcher

Sir, With reference to Barry Pickthall's article about yacht marinas (March 23), the arguments go on and the charges go up. But why does France (and I am sure other continental countries) have more marinas, better marinas, more attractive marinas and certainly cheaper marinas than we do in the UK?

Why do the French municipalities invest in these projects? What is the effect on the local community and local businesses of a new marina at a place such as St Vaast in Normandy? This attractive, small community of perhaps 2,000 inhabitants now has a wonderful facility where once there was no more than the invitation to dry out alongside a wall conveniently close to the town sewage outfall. Has the marina been beneficial to the town? How was it funded? What are the charges? Why can't the British coastline be developed and improved in this way?

I am sure there are arguments for and against, but could somebody explain the French experience and then encourage the English planning and municipal authorities to open their minds to alternative methods of financing and operation?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN PILCHER
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Bucks Green,
Horsham, Sussex.

Masterly skills

From Mr Ivor Hall

Sir, I thank David Miller (April 2) for reminding me of the exceptional skills of Nigel Clough. I have no doubt he is the most intelligent footballer playing in the Football League. His ability to distribute passes of all weights to the feet of his team-mates, without looking up, is masterly.

He may not be a sprinter, but then, as Miller also pointed out, neither is Paul Gascoigne. After England's abysmal display against the Republic of Ireland, perhaps Graham Taylor will find a place for a player able to hold and pass the ball to such devastating effect. Just imagine Clough feeding Sharpe.

Yours faithfully,
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34 Bisham Gardens, N6.

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Threats to Barbarians' ethos

From Mr Jeffrey L. Wall

Sir, Gerald Davies's article, "Extravagant gestures lighten rugby's burden (April 4), is a timely and thought-provoking commentary, not only on the future of the Barbarians club itself but also on the attitudes and obligations of the top players themselves, at a time when their rights to a few crumbs of comfort from the huge cake of sponsorship is under the most searching examination and intense debate.

Sadly the great Barbarians club is at some risk; leagues, cups and the demands on top players all serve to restrict the calibre of the squads assembled, and nowhere is this more encapsulated than in the Baa-baas' Easter tour of Wales. Probably the most noble and altruistic of all their fixtures, that against Penarth on Good Friday, is already a thing of the past and the Tuesday fixture against Newport has passed to an autumnal evening.

Easter Monday at Swansea, too, as Gerald Davies emphasises, is in danger of becoming a pale imitation of the Saturday celebration at Cardiff Arms Park. It is also ironic that players apparently no longer stay to a man for the "après rugby" Saturday evening dinner, the very situation, so it is said, that gave rise to the formation of the club.

It would also be ironic if the future of the club lay in overseas tours to exotic places, as has been suggested: scant comfort for domestic supporters, when it is remembered that the Baa-baas are, for all their protestations to the contrary, the nearest that many will ever come to seeing the British Lions, in all but name, at home.

There could be no finer riposte to the implied criticisms of many top players' self-interest than in a re-emergence of the Barbarian spirit. The most tangible expression of this would be in the ease with which the club was able to assemble strong squads and, if "extravagant gestures" are the order of the day, in the re-establishment of the full four-match Easter tour.

Without such efforts the downward trend is set to continue, and it will be the quality of the club itself that will be at risk of being booted into touch — and not just the ball on which the gallant captain, David Sole, placed a £2 penalty for kicking on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

Yours etc.,
JEFFREY L. WALL,
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Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Olympic cricket

From Mr M. F. M. Louis

Sir, 1996 is the centenary year of the modern Olympic movement. With the XXVI Olympic Games to be held at Atlanta that year, all the cricketing countries in the world should forward their proposal to the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to include cricket as a demonstration and exhibition sport.

Cricket was a part of the Olympic Games before, being played at the 1900 Games in Paris, where England won the gold medal by defeating France.

In fact, the first international cricket match was played between Canada and the United States in 1844. Today international matches are being played in America, where the game is keenly followed.

Baseball and tennis were included as demonstration sports at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles; at the Seoul Olympics four years later taekwondo and baseball were included as demonstration sports, bowling and badminton as exhibition sports. Tennis has been accorded competitive status in the Olympic programme as a regular event since the Games in Seoul.

I hope that the International Cricket Council will take up this suggestion with the presidents of the IOC and the USOC. Then cricket could be a more popular game in the world, rather than in a couple of dozen nations playing the game.

Yours faithfully,
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Velim, Goa, India.

First-fence failure

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, The intrepid punter who wagered £100 on A. Tory, rider of Docklands Express, winning the Grand National and a Tory general election victory (report, April 6) appears to have come sadly a cropper with the horse being the only faller at the first fence. With the Conservative *party clearly no longer the* racing certainty it once appeared to be for the next general election, will last Saturday's inauspicious incident cause Mr Major to reconsider his first-past-the-post electoral policy?

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BRODKIN,
93 Kingsley Way, N2.

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£50 million payment to subsidiary was non-allowable capital payment

Lawson (Inspector of Taxes) v Johnson Matthey plc

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Beldam

[Judgment March 27]

The payment of £50 million by a parent company to its subsidiary banking company to secure the transfer of the shares in the banking company to the Bank of England was a payment of a capital nature and not allowable as a deduction against corporation tax. The fact that the payment was made for the purposes of preserving the trade of the parent company did not make it a payment on revenue account.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Johnson Matthey plc, from the decision of Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times* January 5, 1990; [1990] 1 WLR 414) whereby an appeal by the Crown against a determination of the Holborn General Commissioners had been allowed.

The taxpayer company was a United Kingdom quoted company carrying on business in precious metals. In 1984 one of its subsidiaries, a bank, was in *financial difficulties*. On September 30 it was concluded that the bank was insolvent but that cessation of its banking business would undermine public confidence in the taxpayer company's business.

The Bank of England thereupon made an immediate, non-negotiable offer to acquire the shares of the bank for £1 and to provide the taxpayer company with certain standby facilities if it agreed to inject £50 million into the bank prior to the transfer.

That offer was accepted by the taxpayer company and the bank opened for business the following day thereby enabling the taxpayer company to carry on its own business unimpeded.

The commissioners, finding that the sole purpose for which the payment was made was to enable the taxpayer company to open its doors for business the next morning, allowed an appeal by the taxpayer company against a tax inspector's refusal to allow the deduction of the £50 million in computing its taxable profits.

Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Thomas Ivory for the taxpayer company; Mr Jonathan Parker, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the Crown did not dispute that the £50 million was laid out by the taxpayer company wholly and exclusively *for the trade*. It contested the commissioners' decision that the payment was a revenue expense. The judge accepted that contention.

The question arose in determining whether a payment was to be treated as being of an income nature, whether the court should look at the matter subjectively, what was the purpose of the transaction, or objectively, what did the transaction actually do.

The authorities were not conclusive: see *Atherton v British Insulated and Helsby Cables* ([1925] AC 205, 213); *Tucker v Granada Motorway Services Ltd* ([1977] 1 WLR 1411); *IRC v Carron Co* ((1968) 45 TC 18) and *Commissioners of Taxes v Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines* ([1964] AC 948).

The court had to consider all the circumstances of the case, one of which was the purpose of the transaction. The problem in the end was the true nature of the transaction.

Intentions might throw some light on the matter but could not relieve the court from analysing in terms of capital and income account the true nature of what the parties actually did.

There were numerous decided cases on the question whether a payment was to be treated as being capital or revenue. They varied widely in their facts. Here the facts were unusual and derived from special circumstances. Authorities were of limited value.

The taxpayer company's position on September 30 had to be made clear: its banking subsidiary was a wreck and unable to continue trading.

That state of affairs, in relation to a wholly owned subsidiary, produced in turn a perilous situation for the taxpayer company because the resulting loss of confidence was likely to produce demands for repayments by the taxpayer company's own customers that it could not meet.

The core of the problem so far as the taxpayer company was concerned was its close association with the insolvent bank. The Bank of England, for its part, was presumably concerned with the stability of an English banking company.

The matter was solved by the Bank of England taking over the shares: it was not prepared to do so unless prior to the sale the taxpayer company injected the £50 million into the bank.

Mr Park said that that was a rescue operation. That was right. But that description did not take one any distance in solving the dispute. The real question was what was the nature of the rescue operation?

Mr Park said, in effect, that the £50 million was not for, and did not have the effect of, securing the sale of the shares.

That argument was unacceptable. There was a single agreement. Its terms were simple. It had to be regarded as a transaction in which the Bank of England acquired the shares in the banking subsidiary for a nominal sum on terms that the taxpayer company provided the £50 million. There was no other way for the taxpayer company to rid itself of the bank without disaster.

True it was that the purpose of the taxpayer company was to preserve its own trade. But that was not determinative.

The position was, in reality, the same as if the Bank of *England had said*: "We will take over the banking subsidiary if you pay us £50 million." Whichever way it was done, the payment was made by the taxpayer company to enable it to get rid of a capital asset whose continued retention was harmful to the taxpayer company.

The common sense of the matter was the £50 million was capital expenditure.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the £50 million was a lump sum paid to procure an immediate advantage for the long term. It did not represent an aggregation of day-to-day payments that would have been incurred in the ordinary way in running the business.

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Employment covenant was too restrictiv

Office Angels Ltd v Rainer-Thomas and Another

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Mann and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment March 11]

A covenant in the contracts of employment of a branch manager and a consultant of an employment agency in the City of London, that they should not, for six months following the termination of their employment, engage in or undertake the trade or business of an employment agency within a radius of 1,000 metres of the branch at which they had been employed, placed a disproportionately severe restriction on their right to compete with the plaintiffs after leaving their employment and went further than was reasonable.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing appeals by Janette Rainer-Thomas and Elizabeth Ann O'Connor from part of the judgment of Mr Alan Tyrrell QC, sitting as a deputy High Court Judge, who on December 14, 1990 had upheld the validity of that covenant.

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Miss Elizabeth Slade for the defendants; Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and Mr Mark Pelling for the plaintiffs.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE said that the case had been conducted below on the basis that the covenant would do no more than prevent the defendants from carrying on the business of an employment agency from an office located within the kilometre circle during the six-month period.

However, before the Court of Appeal it had been contended that the wording was wide enough to preclude the appellants from seeking to recruit any job-seekers or employer-clients from within the kilometre circle.

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because there is an abundance of middle-distance stamina in the bottom half of his pedigree since his dam is a half-sister to Suni and Media Luna, who were both placed in the Oaks.

The going at Newcastle was heavy and there will be plenty of give in the ground again today. Like his sire, Sagebrush Roller clearly revels in such conditions.

Unlike Sagebrush Roller, Valid Point, the other winner this season in the field, has been re-assessed since that narrow victory at Carlisle and I doubt him being able to give weight to my nap.

Twelve months ago, those who watched the Aldborough Maiden Stakes would have needed a crystal ball to picture that they were seeing a future winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe even though the winner, Saumarez, stormed home by seven lengths in the hands of Steve Cauthen.

This time the chief interest will focus on Alex Scott's runner, Saint Ciel, for the simple reason that he was runner-up to the current 2,000 Guineas favourite Desert Sun in their only race at Doncaster last October.

As the promising Straw Beret finished third that day, Saint Ciel now looks poised to go one better, most probably at the expense of Everglades.

Densben, who missed the break at Newcastle on Monday when second favourite for the race won by Too Eager, is on a quick retrieving mission in the Markington Handicap.

In this instance, though, he may be thwarted by Sky Cloud, who has made the long journey north from Reg Akehurst's Dorset base. Sky Cloud, the winner of similar races at Pontefract and Chester last season, is reported in prime condition.

Over the jumps at Taunton, the triumphant Grand National combination of David Barons and Nigel Hawke could have farther cause for celebration by winning the Melody Man Challenge Cup with Hellovastate, who made a successful but belated start to the season when he won on the same track a fortnight ago.

I also like the look of Magsood's chance of winning the Fresh Start Novices' Handicap Hurdle with only ten stone on his back. He was still in with a chance of beating the useful Springaleak at Haydock last time when he stumbled at the last and unshipped Mark Perrett.

For Perrett and Magsood's trainer, Stan Mellor, success could be the second leg of a double with Skittle Alley holding a sound chance earlier in the Ukadian Novices' Hurdle.

Board ends barren spell

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back over his best trip of two-and-a-half miles, he jumped his opponents into the ground down the back straight, and despite a slight mistake at the second last, Oliver Sherwood's chaser had four lengths to spare over Givus A Buck.

The win was the first leg of a 26½-1 Sherwood double rounded off by Stratford Ponds in the Kestrel Hurdle. The six-year-old has been a model of consistency this term and revelled on his favoured good ground and right-hand track.

The former Royal Ascot winner remains an entire and his third success over hurdles this season will have enhanced his chances of being sold for stallion duties.

☐ Ascot will water both the chase and hurdles courses today and tomorrow in preparation for Saturday's meeting.

☐ The Princess Royal will ride in the Ladies' Celebrity Race at the RaceAid Windsor meeting on June 24.

Boutin colt to stay unbeaten

HECTOR Protector, last year's top European juvenile, makes his seasonal debut in the group three Prix de Fontainebleau at Longchamp today (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Francois Boutin's colt has wintered well and it will come as a great surprise if he fails to extend his unbeaten record to seven. The Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) on May 5 remains his main spring target.

Only six go to post including Hector Protector's pacemaker, Laroque, and principal opposition to the favourite is expected to stem from 2,000 Guineas aspirant Crack Regiment and Acteur Francais.

Lester Piggott is without a ride in the feature race but has two rides for Andre Fabre — Balliasta in the Prix de Ternes and Glorify in the listed Prix Lord Seymour.

At Evry yesterday, Piggott gained his fourth French success of the year on Metal Storm in the Prix de Montaigu. Frankie Dettori finished fifth on Joyeuse Marquise in the Prix Finlande.

Longchamp field

Going: good

2.55 PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group III: 3-Y-O colts: £20,367: 1m: 6 runners: all carry 9st 2lb): Polaid Boy (trained by R Collet) ridden by C Asmussen; Acteur Francais (A Fabre) A Lequeux; Hector Protector (F Boutin) F Head; Laroque (D Sepulchre) C Piccioni; Crack Regiment (J Fellows) G Mosse; Signac (W Cargeeg) G Guignard.

1-5 Hector Protector and Laroque (coupled); 6-1 Crack Regiment, 8-1 Acteur Francais.

Shoemaker moved

Willie Shoemaker, partially paralysed in a car accident on Monday night, has been moved to the Centiela Medical Centre, the leading orthopaedic hospital in southern California. His condition remains critical.

S FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

ME SIR (S (J Osborne, 14-1). ALSO , 20 Blazing 33 Another mme. 100 one. 12 ran. J G Balding 1.30, £2.90.

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Quota (f), Bachelor Of Law (pu), 50 Easter Lee (5th), Fifty Bucks (pu), Lynwood Lad (ref), Mr Finnlee (f), The Frozen Padre (pu). 16 ran. Sh hd, 12l, 3l, 10l, 1½l. Mrs J Delahooke at Buckingham. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £3.20, £3.30. DF: £20.60. CSF: £27.12.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, STRATFORD PONDS (A S Smith, 4-1); 2, Iveagh House (M Bowlby, 8-1); 3, Kadan (S Smith Eccles, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Major Inquiry (4th), 7 Welsh Bard, Smart Performer (5th), Ketti (6th), 20 Hey Cottage. 8 ran. 5l, 5l, 2½l, 1½l, 8l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £18.60. CSF: £32.01. Tricast: £122.34.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £48,648.45 carried forward to Ascot on Saturday). Placepot: £402.80.

Ripon

Going: soft

2.15 (6f) 1, RESHIFT (P Turner, 3-1); 2, Secret Haze (F Norton, 11-2); 3, Rocton North (D Gibbs, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Silver Dilemma (4th), 13-2 Kestrel Forboxes (5th), 20 Great Music, 25 Prince Belfort, 50 Scu's Lady (6th). 8 ran. Hd, 8l, 1½l, ¾l, 15l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £8.90. CSF: £18.52.

2.45 (1m) 1, UNASSUMING (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 2, Showaca (F Norton, 8-1); 3, Meggies Lad (J Fanning, 12-1); 4, Premier Choice (D Nicholls, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Fay Eden, 13-2 China Sky (6th), 12 Sharon's Rabbit, El Nido, 14 Friday Fourball, Grey Commander (5th), Marjorie Wood, 20 Lifetimes Ambition, Ghylldale, Naomi's Keepsake, 33 Maltby Hyundai, La Buca, Legend Of Scotland. 17 ran. 5l, 2½l, 1½l, ½l, 2l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £1.70, £3.60, £1.70. DF: £62.80. CSF: £40.11. Tricast: £350.65.

3.15 (1m 4f 70yd) 1, JUST MY BILL (J Lowe, 15-2); 2, Army Of Stars (M Roberts, 6-1); 3, Easy Over (W R Swinburn, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Come To Terms (4th), Wake Up, 5 Anal Star (5th), 10 Rodeo Star, Tanoda (6th), 12 Sheriff's Band, 14 Beaumood, 20 Bedouin Prince, 25 Welcoming Arms, First Bid, 33 Passage Home, 40 Van Prince. 15 ran. 2l, hd, 5l, 3l, ¾l. J Hetherton at Malton. Tote: £10.00; £2.30, £2.40, £3.00. DF: £26.70. CSF: £55.11. Tricast: £397.52.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, MARGS GIRL (J Fanning, 8-1); 2, Fox Chapel (B Raymond, 15-2); 3, Salman (J Lowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Muzo, 7 Eve Leath-Scoal (5th), Breckenbrough Lad, 9 The Goofer (6th), 10 Tiger Claw (4th). 8 ran. NR: Linpac Light. 1l, hd, 5l, hd, 7l. T Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £11.30; £2.40, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £81.60. CSF: £60.89. Tricast: £252.76.

4.20 (5f) 1, PARIS HOUSE (J Carroll, 5-4 fav); 2, Co-Chin (A Munro, 16-1); 3, Vanborough Lad (J Williams, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Kiltroum, 11 Mighty-O (4th), 14 Who's That Lady (6th), 16 Mark Of Sever, 20 Shmoozy, 33 Conned Again, Orchard Bay (5th), 40 Barneview. 11 ran. NR: Triben Girl. 5l, 2½l, 3l, nk, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £10.00. CSF: £22.66.

4.50 (1m 1f) 1, MALIBU MAGIC (A Cruz, 5-1); 2, Pay Homage (S O'Gorman, 4-1); 3, Sinclair Lad (G Hind, 14-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Mulciber (5th), 12 Cambrea Cuddy (4th), 20 Bold Elect, 25 Son Of A Lady, Yankeedoodledancer, 33 De La Billiere, 50 Ravenhurst (6th). 10 ran. 8l, 2l, 8l, 2½l, ¾l. J Eustace at Newmarket. Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £8.30. CSF: £24.00.

Placepot: £108.50.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm

2.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Jane Craig (C Maude, 16-1); 2, Ghia Gneuiagh (66-1); 3, Arbor Vitae (7-4 fav). 16 ran. NR: Construction, Miss Islay. 7l, 1l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £16.20; £3.60, £12.00, £1.40. DF: £487.00. CSF: £517.32.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Just A Memory (C Maude, 10-1); 2, Northern Gunner (2-1 fav); 3, Lady Lax (16-1). 16 ran. NR: Stormy Praise. ¾l, 20l. R Manning. Tote: £22.70; £7.00, £1.80, £13.20. DF: £43.10. CSF: £34.70.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Farmlea Boy (R Guest, 11-4); 2, I Like It A Lot (10-1); 3, Special (4-1). Royal Greek 2-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Crowecopper. 12l, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £18.70. CSF: £25.11. Tricast: £83.64.

3.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Longghurst (I Shoemark, 7-1); 2, Bickerstaffe (33-1); 3, Squire Jim (10-1); 4, Crossfaspancihil (10-1). Nathan Blake 5-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Snotingo, Olympus Reef. 1½l, 15l. B Forsey. Tote: £8.50; £2.30, £4.60, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £49.30. CSF: £189.74. Tricast: £2,041.98.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, La Raptotte (D Bridgwater, 10-1); 2, Forcello (100-30); 3, Drag Artist (9-1). Sanawi 9-4 fav. 16 ran. 4l, 15l. M Charles. Tote: £11.60; £3.30, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £37.90. CSF: £42.33.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, Some Obligation (Mr D Costello, 11-10 fav); 2, Wolfies Delight (14-1); 3, Fibreguide Tech (10-1). 9 ran. 6l, 2l. J Upson. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £9.90. CSF: £15.16.

5.0 (2m hdle) 1, Wearsegrandmother (Gary Lyons, 5-2 fav); 2, River Kingdom (20-1); 3, Aldington Bell (100-30). 14 ran. NR: Ullswater, Rajanpour. ¾l, 6l. B McMahon. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £4.60, £1.60. DF: £39.60. CSF: £43.94.

5.30 (2m ch) 1, Chain Shot (A O'Hagan, 7-1); 2, Ross Venture (5-4 fav); 3, Kentish Piper (9-2). 9 ran. 2l, 2½l. K White. Tote: £10.50; £1.60, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £14.02.

6.0 (2m flat) 1, Edelweiss (M Foster, 5-4 fav); 2, Sally Maxwell (25-1); 3, Ruby Rheims (10-1). 17 ran. NR: Mrs Teasdale. 25l, 3l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £4.80, £2.70. DF: £23.50. CSF: £28.49.

Placepot: £397.80.

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RIPON: 4.15 Uninvited, Coral Flutter; 4.45 Lucks Akura.

RIPON

MANDARIN
2.15 Calachuchi.
2.45 Grand Time.
3.15 Sky Cloud.
3.45 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER (nap).
4.15 Pelorus.
4.45 Cut The Music.
5.15 Saint Ciel.

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2.15 Follow The Sea.
2.45 Try Leguard.
3.15 Densben.
3.45 Tufraj.
4.15 Modest Hope.
4.45 In Truth.
5.15 Saint Ciel.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.45 Sagebrush Roller.
4.45 Cut The Music.
5.15 MELLABY (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 TAUBER (nap). 4.15 Potter's Dream. 5.15 Saint Ciel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 PELORUS.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 MILBY CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,768: 1m 1f) (19 runners)

1 (17) 1/6354- BOLD PERFORMER 152 (S) (T Taylor) J Wharton 4-8-13 .... J Williams 85
2 (4) 4/06000- BANKER MASON 158J (B) (F Buxton) D Yeoman 5-8-11 .... A Munro 61
3 (3) 002060- HIGH WATER 194 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 4-8-9 .... J Fanning (5) 80
4 (14) 35260-5 ISLAND JETSETTER 34 (Robinson Ltd) N Tinkler 5-8-8 .... Kim Tinkler 82
5 (13) 00- PAREVA 243 (B) (J Chapman) J Wainwright 4-8-8 .... G Parkin (7) —
6 (6) 00460-4 JUBRAN 8 (Mrs E Scullion) M Naughton 5-8-7 .... K Fallon 71
7 (9) 0000/6/ MAN OF MAUM 360J (F Sharp) R Earnshaw 5-8-6 .... A Mackay —
8 (11) 662846/ PREFABRICATE 548 (R Atkinson) J Harris 5-8-6 .... T Williams —
9 (1) 4602-00 BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 10 (Mrs D Hanson) M Channon 4-8-5 .... J Quinn 86
10 (8) 12000-0 BELL TURRET 12 (G) (G Simpson) A Potts 4-8-4 .... D Biggs (5) 81
11 (7) 5163-00 EVENING AFFAIR 9 (F) (A Whiting) W Holden 5-8-4 .... B Russell (7) (7) 94
12 (19) 0/0205-0 FOLLOW THE SEA 14J (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) R Akehurst 5-8-4 .... G Carter 91
13 (16) 012534- A GENTLEMAN TWO 34J (G) (W Boothroyd) G Moore 5-8-3 .... N Kennedy (5) 76
14 (10) 60/000-0 LIKE A PRAYER 8J (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-8-3 .... S Webster —
15 (18) 64111-2 CALACHUCHI 14 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 4-8-2 .... N Connorton ● 99
16 (5) 00 APPLE PIP 22 (Mrs S Lamyman) B Richmond 5-7-13 .... S Wood (3) —
17 (12) 0000-00 GREENORE ROSE 28 (F) (Mrs H Wane) K McCauley 5-7-13 .... L Charnock —
18 (2) 0/05400- REMWOOD GIRL 163 (G) (A Lewis) K Bridgwater 5-7-13 .... R Fox 64
19 (15) 000640- CREEFLEUR 14J (S) (A Sutherland) W Muir 5-7-12 .... J Lowe 51

BETTING: 11-4 Calachuchi, 9-2 Follow The Sea, 11-2 Bold Performer, 7-1 Evening Affair, 8-1 Island Jetsetter, 10-1 A Gentleman Two, 12-1 Jubran, 14-1 Beaujolais Nouveau, 16-1 others.

1990: PONTENUOVO 5-8-9 J Williams (6-1) D Elsworth 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD PERFORMER running-on 12½l 4th of 17 to Rakeen at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to soft); earlier 1l 3rd to Mind The Step at Leicester (1m 2f, soft). EVENING AFFAIR head 2nd to Abigail's Dream on final start last term in Wolverhampton claimer (1m 1f, good to firm). A GENTLEMAN TWO 2½l 3rd to Xafu on penultimate start last term in Beverley claimer (1m 100yd, firm) with CALACHUCHI (same terms) 10l 6th. CALACHUCHI 2½l 2nd to Jokers Patch in Brighton claimer (1m 4f, good to firm); earlier in this grade beat Allort 3½l at Newcastle (1m 4f 50yd, soft).
Selection: BOLD PERFORMER (nap)

2.45 ROECLIFFE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,172: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (5) 1 GRAND TIME 15 (D,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 9-4 .... J Carroll —
2 (2) 21 TRY LEGUARD 9 (D,G) (J Devaney) W Carter 9-4 .... T Williams —
3 (4) 1 CERTAIN RISK 29 (D,S) (Roldvale Limited) R Hannon 8-13 .... R Perham (5) —
4 (3) TOSHIBA COMET STAR (Mrs H Inskip) W Pearce 8-11 .... D Nicholls —
5 (1) GLOW OF THE GLEN (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-6 .... K Darley —

BETTING: 7-4 Try Leguard, 11-4 Grand Time, 3-1 Certain Risk, 6-1 Glow Of The Glen, 14-1 Toshiba Comet Star.

1990: TIMELESS TIMES 9-4 A Munro (6-4 fav) W O'Gorman 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND TIME comfortably beat Co-Chin 2½l at Catterick (5f, good to soft). TRY LEGUARD led final furlong to beat Regal Chimes 2½l at Warwick (5f, good); previously 2½l 2nd to Vanborough Lad at Folkestone (5f, heavy).
CERTAIN RISK made all when easily defeating Premier Envelope 10l in Doncaster seller (5f, soft). TOSHIBA COMET STAR (Foaled Apr 12, cost 10,000gns) by Alzarad, is the first foal of 1m winning 3-year-old. GLOW OF THE GLEN (May 5, 8,000gns) by Lochnager, is the first foal of juvenile 5/6f winner.
Selection: TRY LEGUARD

3.15 MARKINGTON HANDICAP (£4,413: 6f) (16 runners)

1 (12) 386030- PREMIER TOUCH 180 (F) (Mrs M Watt) T Barron 4-10-0 .... Alex Greaves (3) 90
2 (6) 255404- CUMBRIAN WALTZER 168 (F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 6-10-0 M Birch 93
3 (11) 5102-11 TAUBER 79 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 7-9-12 .... S O'Gorman (5) 98
4 (16) 1050-00 MASTER POKEY 3 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 7-9-12 .... K Darley 89
5 (8) 000006- PROFILIC 168 (CD,F,G,S) (J Goodman) J H Wilson 6-9-3 .... S Parks 94
6 (4) 6304-16 SUPER BENZ 48 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Bramley) T Fairhurst 5-9-1 .... J Fanning (5) ● 99
7 (15) 083310- SKY CLOUD 166 (D,F,S) (S Harper) R Akehurst 5-8-13 .... W R Swinburn 90
8 (13) 1500/00 STILL SURPRISED 10 (V,F,G) (Desmond Ltd) R Whitaker 6-8-11 .... A Culhane —
9 (5) 1040/ CATHERINES WELL 1629 (CD,F,G,S) (R Cox) M W Easterby 8-8-6 Wendy Carter —
10 (9) 32105-0 YONGE TENDER 22 (B,D,F,G) (Dr T Molony) J Wharton 4-8-3 .... N Kennedy (5) 89
11 (10) 0000-04 DENSBEN 3 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 7-8-2 .... M Roberts 94
12 (1) 0000-50 NORDIC BRAVE 3 (D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-1 .... A Munro 92
13 (3) 36-5660 WELLSY LAD 33 (D,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 4-7-12 .... S Wood (3) 95
14 (2) 020200- B GRADE 152 (D,S) (J Tunstall) J Balding 6-7-7 .... Claire Balding (7) 87
15 (14) 0105-03 GONDO 15 (V,D) (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-7-7 .... B Doyle (5) 85
16 (7) 040-610 BALLAD DANCER 2 (D,S) (M Graham) E Alston 6-7-7 (7ex) .... J Quinn 90

Long handicap: B Grade 7-2, Gondo 7-2, Ballad Dancer 6-13.

BETTING: 9-2 Densben, 11-2 Tauber, 6-1 Super Benz, 8-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, Sky Cloud, 9-1 Nordic Brave, 10-1 Profilic, 14-1 Master Pokey, Ballad Dancer, 16-1 others.

1990: PROFILIC 5-9-4 S Parks (9-2 fav) J H Wilson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUMBRIAN WALTZER 1½l 4th to Sea Devil at Doncaster (6f, soft), PROFILIC (same terms) 11½l 6th and DENSBEN (6lb better off) 7l 12th.
TAUBER completed double on the all-weather at Lingfield with 1½l defeat of Respectable Jones (6f). SUPER BENZ has disappointed since 10l defeat of Tophemo at Southwell (AW, 6f) with WELLSY LAD (9lb better off) 5l 8th. SKY CLOUD beat Joe Sugden 1½l on penultimate start at Chester (6f, good to soft). DENSBEN not clear run when 4l 4th to Too Eager at Newcastle (6f, soft), NORDIC BRAVE (same terms) 7th and MASTER POKEY 11th. BALLAD DANCER made all to beat Spanish Harlem 5l on penultimate start at Hamilton (6f, soft). NORDIC BRAVE (13lb better off) 3l 5th.
Selection: CUMBRIAN WALTZER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	18	37	48.6	G Husband	3	12	25.0
W Jarvis	6	22	27.3	W R Swinburn	6	32	18.8
R Armstrong	9	37	24.3	R Cochrane	7	38	18.4
G Wragg	4	17	23.5	W Ryan	13	75	17.3
M Stoute	8	36	22.2	M Hills	7	44	15.9
J Berry	16	99	16.2	J Reid	3	19	15.8

☐ Steve Cauthen was questioned by the Ripon stewards yesterday regarding the performance of Muzo, 2-1 favourite for the Grewelthorpe Handicap. After leading early on, the Julie Cecil-trained colt dropped back to finish last of the nine runners behind Margs Girl. The stewards accepted Cauthen's explanation that Muzo had tired in the soft ground and had found nothing under pressure.

3.45 KIRBY HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,816: 1m) (16 runners)

1 (1) 00420-1 VALID POINT 12 (D,G,S) (G Ashton) M Brittain 9-7 .... A Munro [illegible]
2 (9) 004-1 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 10 (S) (A Collins) J Watts 9-5 (6ex) .... Dean McKeown [illegible]
3 (13) 40200- QUALITAIR SOUND 152 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 9-1 .... G Carter 91
4 (10) 058- TUFRAJ 244 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn —
5 (4) 3106- KAMART 265 (G) (Mrs J Wilkinson) Denys Smith 8-11 .... L Charnock [illegible]
6 (3) 40-2 MUDAFFAR 16 (A Al Shafar) R Armstrong 8-11 .... B Crossley [illegible]
7 (5) 203-0 DAWN GREY 12 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-8 .... J Bleasdale [illegible]
8 (11) 00566- PHALAROPE 217 (Eastward Bloodstock) M H Easterby 8-8 .... M Birch [illegible]
9 (2) 404466- NISHCOR 158 (Lady Matthews) Miss S Hall 8-7 .... N Connorton [illegible]
10 (15) 23225-0 RICHMOND 15 (V,BF) (P Tierney) J Wainwright 8-7 .... G Parkin (7) ● [illegible]
11 (14) 60054-0 HUSO 15 (G Cole) P Haslam 8-5 .... G Duffield [illegible]
12 (12) 013060- HYSSOP 204 (F) (J Abell) J Berry 8-4 .... J Carroll [illegible]
13 (8) 03442-4 BOLD SPARK 19 (Mrs B Southam) Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 .... J Lowe [illegible]
14 (16) 0000- IN THE FRAME 168 (R Parsons) G Eden 8-1 .... N Adams [illegible]
15 (7) 50536-4 ORCHANDA 10 (B Adamson) M Camacho 7-11 .... Dale Gibson [illegible]
16 (6) 060- INSEYAB 174 (Mrs P Haslam) P Haslam 7-11 .... N Kennedy (5) [illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Sagebrush Roller, 4-1 Valid Point, 6-1 Mudaffar, 8-1 Richmond, 10-1 Bold Spark, 12-1 Orchanda, Dawn Grey, 14-1 Kamart, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

VALID POINT beat Johns Gamble a nk at Carlisle (1m). SAGEBRUSH ROLLER beat Old Peg 6l at Newcastle (7f) with ORCHANDA (7lb better off) 3½l 4th. TUFRAJ 10½l 6th to Kohinoor in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). KAMART last of 8 to Vintage Only at Catterick (6f, firm); previously beat Mysterious Glen a nk at Carlisle (6f, good) with ORCHANDA (14lb better off) 19l 10th. MUDAFFAR 3l 2nd to The Cuckoo's Nest at Leicester (7f, heavy). PHALAROPE 7l 6th to Sush Sword at York (1m, good to firm) with VALID POINT (6lb better off) 2½l 8th.
Selection: SAGEBRUSH ROLLER

4.15 MILBY CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,745: 1m 1f) (18 runners)

1 (13) 02- ACQUISITION 349 (T Holdcroft Ltd) J Berry 4-9-0 .... J Carroll [illegible]
2 (12) 200/400- JUST FOR KICKS 40J (S) (P Craggs) J J O'Neill 5-9-0 .... K Fallon —
3 (3) 0/0323-0 MODEST HOPE 19 (J McManamon) G Eden 4-8-13 .... W Newnes 67
4 (6) 12/3000- PELORUS 152 (F,S) (J Slade) W Jarvis 6-8-11 .... J Reid ● [illegible]
5 (16) 600//3 DR BULASCO 19 (G,S) (Under Orders Racing Plc) D Morley Smith 7-8-8 W Ryan 71
6 (5) 0330-40 LUZUM 69 (B,F,S) (Claremont Management Services) J Glover 7-8-8 P D'Arcy [illegible]
7 (10) 00045-0 PLATONIQUE 19 (F,G,S) (P Thompson-Hill) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-8 Dean McKeown [illegible]
8 (18) 040-005 TIMIDE ESPION 33 (D,G,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 5-8-8 .... J Fortune 91
9 (7) 03/550-1 DIAMOND PATH 8 (D,S) (Robinson Ltd) N Tinkler 5-8-7 .... D Nicholls 91
10 (1) 025304- POTTER'S DREAM 27J (W Potter) R Williams 4-8-7 .... R Cochrane 77
11 (4) 22-0400 UNINVITED 17 (B) (B Eastick) Pat Mitchell 4-8-7 .... B Raymond [illegible]
12 (9) 660/000 BLUE GRIT 20 (B) (C Wilson) M Dods 5-8-6 .... L Charnock —
13 (14) 355020- FACILITY LETTER 28J (G) (Whitworth Racing) G Moore 4-8-6 .... S Webster 76
14 (15) 05120-0 AL SHAREEF 16 (D,S) (H Davies) D Burchell 6-8-4 .... R Price (5) 87
15 (11) 0/ NATASHA NADINE 585 (Trusearch International Ltd) R Whitaker 4-8-4 A Culhane —
16 (2) 8/0004-3 RUPPLES 7 (B) (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-4 .... G Duffield [illegible]
17 (17) 03-5080 RED PENCIL 12 (Mrs P Tattersall) R Hollinshead 6-8-3 .... G Hind (5) 84
18 (8) 250-604 CORAL FLUTTER 15 (V) (D Weller) J Payne 4-8-0 .... A Munro [illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Pelorus, 4-1 Diamond Path, 6-1 Platonique, 8-1 Dr Bulasco, 10-1 Modest Hope, 12-1 Acquisition, Facility Letter, 14-1 Potter's Dream, 16-1 Coral Flutter, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

ACQUISITION 10l 3rd to Lost Innocence in maiden at Carlisle (1m, good) promoted to 2nd. PELORUS on debut last season 3rd beaten 2½l by Maximilian at Newbury (1m).
DR BULASCO 6½l 3rd to Camden's Ransom at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). LUZUM well beaten towards rear behind Miss Sarajane at Southwell (AW, 1m). PLATONIQUE 8½l 9th of 25 to Amenable at Doncaster (1m, soft). DIAMOND PATH beat Orderly Impressive 1½l at Hamilton (1m 1f, soft). FACILITY LETTER 3l 2nd to Odlex at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to soft). RUPPLES 3l 3rd to Royal Resort in seller at Brighton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: FACILITY LETTER

4.45 LANGTHORPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,812: 1m 4f 70yd) (17 runners)

1 (1) 52005- CUT THE MUSIC 189 (Hambleton Racing 1989 Plc) M Bell 9-7 .... M Hills [illegible]
2 (6) 56003-1 TOUCHING TIMES 16 (D,S) (Mrs H Mills) M Brittain 9-6 .... S Maloney (5) [illegible]
3 (11) 00600- POLYPLATE 184 (MHM Limited) M Ryan 9-5 .... G Carter [illegible]
4 (12) 5600- ONE FOR THE CHIEF 196 (Mrs J Button) R Whitaker 9-3 .... A Culhane 91
5 (14) 0001-4 IN TRUTH 10 (S) (C Dennis) R Earnshaw 9-3 .... R Cochrane [illegible]
6 (13) 0-61640 ROBERTY LEA 10 (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 9-1 .... J Fanning (5) [illegible]
7 (15) 05-4002 CASTLE MERLIN 16 (T Mellor) R Ingram 8-13 .... A Mackay 87
8 (3) 4458-35 LUKS AKURA 37 (B) (Luks Ind Co (UK) Ltd) M Johnston 8-12 .... D Biggs (5) [illegible]
9 (2) 6U-04 NIKOZETTE 65 (R Barrain South Coast Partnership) R Armstrong 8-7 P Dalvin (7) 91
10 (5) 40040-4 AL SABAK 83 (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 8-7 .... G Husband (5) [illegible]
11 (17) 600300- GIVEMEACALL 152 (M Pitcher) N Tinkler 8-4 .... Kim Tinkler [illegible]
12 (7) 4000 MONTBARD 10 (A Douglas Henderson) J Wharton 8-3 .... J Williams [illegible]
13 (9) 61354-2 DRINKS PARTY 10 (F) (D Edge) J Wharton 8-3 .... A Proud ● [illegible]
14 (16) 0000-3 NAN'S BOY 17 (R Gurr) J Fitch-Heyes 7-13 .... T Williams [illegible]
15 (8) 0008-4 TOP IT ALL 5 (M Ryan) M Ryan 7-12 .... G Bardwell [illegible]
16 (10) 0000-3 SILLARS STALKER 10 (B) (Sillars Civil Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10 J Lowe [illegible]
17 (4) 000-060 ANDERSON ROSE 10 (J Anderson Holmes) J H Wilson 7-7 .... N Carlisle [illegible]

BETTING: 4-1 Touching Times, 5-1 Drinks Party, 7-1 In Truth, 8-1 Castle Merlin, Sillars Stalker, 10-1 Nikozette, Nan's Boy, 12-1 Cut The Music, 14-1 Top It All, Al Sabak, Roberty Lea, 16-1 others.

1990: BEAU QUEST 9-9 S Parks (16-1) R Hollinshead 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOUCHING TIMES led from 3 out to beat CASTLE MERLIN (11lb better off) 1½l at Leicester (1m 4f, heavy). IN TRUTH beat Richmond 1½l in nursery at Hamilton (1m 40yd, soft) in November.
ROBERTY LEA beat Gipsy King 2l in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) in January with AL SABAK (8lb better off) 13l 4th and MONTBARD (12lb better off) tailed off last of 9. DRINKS PARTY fast finishing neck 2nd to Mardessa at Nottingham (1m 2f, good) with SILLARS STALKER (same terms) 1½l 3rd, IN TRUTH (same terms) running-on sh hd 4th, ROBERTY LEA (same terms) 5l 7th, MONTBARD (same terms) 3l 12th and ANDERSON ROSE (same terms) 17th.
Selection: DRINKS PARTY

5.15 ALDBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,857: 1m) (14 runners)

1 (4) 4-4 ALL GREEK TO ME 10 (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 9-0 .... J Bleasdale [illegible]
2 (2) 00- COLWAY CROWN 176 (R Coleman) A Stringer 9-0 .... D Nicholls —
3 (14) 40- EVERGLADES 177 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 .... G Carter [illegible]
4 (9) 00- JOHNNY COME LATELY 183 (Mrs A Pain) J Wainwright 9-0 .... P Burke —
5 (3) 000- MASTER GLEN 164 (G Platt) G Oldroyd 9-0 .... B McGiff [illegible]
6 (11) MELLABY (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn —
7 (1) PAULINUS (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 9-0 .... M Roberts —
8 (6) 2- SAINT CIEL 188 (D Thompson) A Scott 9-0 .... B Raymond ● [illegible]
9 (12) 0 TROJAN ENVOY 10 (D Khan) W Carter 9-0 .... T Williams —
10 (10) AUNTIE NELLIE (P Cockcroft) C Tinkler 8-9 .... M Birch —
11 (8) KAZOO (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-9 .... Dean McKeown —
12 (5) LOCH GARANNE (G Wilkinson) M Camacho 8-9 .... N Connorton —
13 (7) MISS SCHWEPPES (G Fellows) H Cecil 8-9 .... W Ryan —
14 (13) SABO'S GIRL (B Newton) P Haslam 8-9 .... R Lappin —

BETTING: 10-11 Saint Ciel, 9-4 Mellaby, 9-2 Miss Schweppes, 8-1 Kazoo, 14-1 Everglades, 16-1 All Greek To Me, 25-1 others.

1990: SAUMAREZ 9-0 S Cauthen (4-6 fav) H Cecil 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALL GREEK TO ME outpaced 11½l 4th to Matts Boy at Newcastle (7f, heavy).
EVERGLADES 16l 7th to Opera House in maiden at Leicester (7f, firm); previously 5½l 4th to Grammos at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). MELLABY $700,000 half-brother by Nureyev to a minor winner in America. SAINT CIEL 6l 2nd to Desert Sun in 22-runner maiden at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). KAZOO half-sister by Shareef Dancer to a winner in Germany.
Selection: SAINT CIEL

TAUNTON

MANDARIN
2.00 Miss Eurolink.
2.30 Skittle Alley.
3.00 Hellovastate.
3.30 Evening Rain.
4.00 Gay Moore.
4.30 Prince Ramboro.
5.00 Magsood.

THUNDERER
2.00 Miss Eurolink.
2.30 Sailors Luck.
3.00 Hellovastate.
3.30 EVENING RAIN (nap).
4.00 Sunny Slave.
4.30 Tipping Tim.
5.00 Magsood.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.0 SPRING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,866: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 223303 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 12 (D,BF,G) (R Edwards) T Casey 11-3 .... J McCarthy (5) 85
2 111260 MISS EUROLINK 23 (D,BF,G,S) (Eurolink Computer Services Ltd) M Pipe 11-1 .... M Foster ● 99
3 U6352P STRANGER STILL 23 (D,F) (A Williams) B Stevens 11-1 .... M Stevens (5) 80
4 100P0 SWINGTIME BELLE 10 (D,F) (L Wadge) Miss J Blakeney 10-12 .... A McLellan (5) 64
5 0000F ANTIQUE ANDY 10 (B) (R Brotherton) R Brotherton 10-10 .... R Bellamy —
6 60 BIG ECK 20 (B) (D Powell) Granville Richards 10-10 .... A Skelton (7) —
7 00 DRAGONS NEST 47 (The French Garden Ltd) T Casey 10-10 .... P Verling —
8 404 RED VICTOR 50 (V) (G Guest) P Evans 10-10 .... Martin Jones 59
9 ARDEARNED 163F (J Bull) K Bishop 10-5 .... R Greene —
10 3F4348 FAILAND 10 (G Harwood) G Harwood 10-5 .... G Crone (7) 86
11 40064F MARINERS MOL 10 (J Colston) J Colston 10-5 .... G Robertson (7) 80
12 00 TYRIAN 30F (B) (J Baker) J Baker 10-5 .... S Burrough —
13 P WOOD HOLLOW 44 (Mrs C Dickin) R Dickin 10-5 .... D Meredith (3) —

BETTING: 4-5 Miss Eurolink, 4-1 Failand, 6-1 They All Forgot Me, 8-1 Stranger Still, 12-1 others.

1990: SOLDIER BRAVE 4-10-10 W McFarland (8-1) R Manning 8 ran

2.30 UKADIAN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,989: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 302301 SAILORS LUCK 12 (D,S) (G Greenwood) R Holder 6-11-7 .... N Mann ● 99
2 0222 LIRIE LAD 14 (B Brereton) P Rodford 5-11-0 .... I Shoemark (3) 90
3 0F LUCKY THROW 14 (Miss N Peskett) N Ayliffe 5-11-0 .... M Kinane —
4 P OAKLAWN BRIDGE 20 (Mrs S Keating-Coyne) M McCourt 7-11-0 Mr G Johnson Houghton —
5 P POACHER'S DELIGHT 9 (Mrs L Bertram) Mrs S Williams 5-11-0 .... D Richmond (7) —
6 34-12 SKITTLE ALLEY 23 (Mrs A Mayorcas) S Mellor 5-11-0 .... M Perrett 90
7 3 SMOOTH STYLE 12 (P Green) C Brooks 7-11-0 .... P Scudamore 90
8 04- TRUNDLE 316 (Sir Anthony Scott) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 .... J Osborne —
9 4 EMMA SEZ 24 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-10-9 .... B Clifford (7) 92
10 P MOONLIGHT RUN 43 (D Bennett-Baggs) P Hobbs 5-10-9 .... C Maude (3) —
11 S3 SWILLY EXPRESS 12 (P Doherty) S Christian 5-10-9 .... G McCourt 97
12 WILLITWIN (R Tudor) F Jordan 7-10-9 .... J Lodder —
13 HIGHLAND BAY (B Edwards) Granville Richards 4-10-8 .... R Beggan —
14 0 LAST MAN IN 33 (E Bosley) Mrs A King 4-10-8 .... S Earle —

BETTING: 3-1 Smooth Style, 4-1 Sailors Luck, 5-1 Emma Sez, 6-1 Skittle Alley, 7-1 Swilly Express, 10-1 others.

1990: THE PURSEWARDEN 7-11-10 K Mooney (7-2) F Walwyn 7 ran

3.0 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap hurdle: £2,769: 2m 110yd) (16 runners)

1 460031 FIRST CRACK 12 (D,F,G,S) (D Pugh) F Jordan 6-11-12 .... J Lodder 93
2 140/012 TAPAGEUR 12 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs K Devonport) M Pipe 6-11-3 .... P Scudamore 93
3 P-P4440 FRED THE TREAD 7 (D,F) (G Greenwood) T Casey 9-11-1 .... R Dunwoody —
4 31140-0 MAN OF FUN 8 (D,F) (K Flood) Mrs A King 6-10-11 .... S Earle 80
5 13-P5P0 PLAGUE O' RATS 15 (F) (Mrs C Rogers) R Frost 7-10-8 .... C Hopwood 84
6 016-530 MOST INTERESTING 68 (D,S) (J Priday) G Jones 6-10-4 .... E Tierney (7) ● 99
7 16023-1 HELLOVASTATE 14 (C,F) (Mrs G Gaisford) D Barons 8-10-4 .... N Hawke 93
8 6P/-5F0P FLYING CHERUB 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 10-10-1 .... M A Fitzgerald (7) 93
9 U20314- DONOSTI 318 (D,F) (P Hoskin) R Lee 7-10-0 .... W McFarland 81
10 3P-0FF0 RAGTIME SOLO 12 (B,D,S) (P Hanns) R Hodges 7-10-0 .... A Tory 90
11 2312-06 OASIS 14 (D,F) (S Burfield) K Bishop 5-10-0 .... R Greene (5) 97
12 112450 CURIOUS FEELING 12 (D,F) (M Smith) J Bosley 5-10-0 .... M Bosley 98
13 0/6FP00 PRINCE MERANDI 35 (D,S) (S Bell) Mrs L Clay 8-10-0 .... M Richards 87
14 349034 DRUMSTICK 136 (D,F) (Sarah Lady Allendale) K Bailey 5-10-0 .... A S Smith (5) 93
15 FPP-08P ALARM CALL 10 (D,G) (W Francis) N Kernick 8-10-0 .... E Byrne —
16 1U0-P00 MOTTRAM'S GOLD 29 (D,S) (G Brown) R Dickin 6-10-0 .... D Meredith (5) 80

Long handicap: Oasis 9-12, Curious Feeling 9-12, Prince Merandi 9-10, Drumstick 9-9, Alarm Call 9-8, Mottram's Gold 9-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Tapageur, 9-2 First Crack, 5-1 Hellovastate, 7-1 Fred The Tread, 8-1 Man Of Fun, 10-1 Drumstick, 12-1 Curious Feeling, 14-1 others.

1990: RASTANNORA 5-10-5 P Scudamore (2-1) M Pipe 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	60	242	24.8	M Perrett	8	22	36.4
R Holder	17	72	23.6	R Bellamy	3	9	33.3
S Mellor	4	17	23.5	P Scudamore	30	95	31.6
N Henderson	3	17	17.6	N Mann	5	19	26.3
R Dickin	3	17	17.6	Martin Jones	4	17	23.5
Mrs J Retter	4	25	16.0	G McCourt	6	29	20.7

3.30 UKADIAN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (Div I: £2,567: 2m 3f) (14 runners)

1 F3300 BELTANE THE SMITH 91 (F,S) (R Dunn) N Dunn 11-11-10 .... S Earle —
2 41133P INDIAN STREAM 10 (F) (G Lucas) J Bradley 7-11-8 .... D Tegg [illegible]
3 035012 EVENING RAIN 12 (S) (B Rousell Ltd) R Hodges 5-11-7 .... A Tory ● [illegible]
4 4P-6201 ARBITRAGE 12 (G,S) (D Bay) B Forsey 10-11-3 .... C Llewellyn —
5 P0533P- BOLD FURY 485 (F) (Hawkridge Farmhouse Cheese Ltd) J Roberts 8-11-3 .... P Dever —
6 1UF36U LITTLE BEAVER 10 (D,F) (Mrs A Barclay) Mrs A Barclay 10-11-1 .... J Osborne 94
7 /0U/3FP HIGH WARRIOR 6 (B,S) (Rhys Thomas Williams) C Popham 8-10-13 .... I Lawrence [illegible]
8 64F/54 FESTIVE QUIZ 140 (M Radbourne) Miss D Radbourne 9-10-12 .... T Pinfield (5) —
9 2-43PP4 CLEANING UP 12 (Millstan Ltd) D Gandolfo 9-10-12 .... R Dunwoody [illegible]
10 P124P4 TOUCH OF SPEED 10 (V,F) (Mrs D Connolly) D Williams 7-10-10 .... D Skyrme 97
11 0-0FP MOUNTAIN MUSE 5 (J Charlton) N Gaselee 7-10-9 .... A Adams —
12 PP000/ COUNTRY PARK 1104 (Mrs H Innes) J Bosley 11-10-9 .... M Bosley —
13 0/600-40 TIME STAR 116 (Mrs C Antrobus) T Forster 7-10-9 .... C Llewellyn —
14 P/-PPPPU FREE EXPRESSION 10 (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 8-10-9 .... S Robinson (7) —

BETTING: 2-1 Evening Rain, 7-2 Arbitrage, 5-1 Cleaning Up, 8-1 Little Beaver, 10-1 Touch Of Speed, 12-1 others.

1990: GAY EDITION 8-11-4 Peter Hobbs (11-8 fav) P Hobbs 8 ran

4.0 HUSBANDS CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,024: 3m) (16 runners)

1 112144 MISTER ED 52 (F,G,S) (The Talking Horse Partnership) R Curtis 8-11-10 .... D Morris [illegible]
2 1/13401- LOCKWOOD PRINCE 377 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 8-11-8 .... C Hopwood 82
3 22-4223 CANFORD PALM 21 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Cobham) C Brooks 10-11-5 .... P Scudamore 97
4 P-660SF THE NIGELSTAN 7 (D,G,S) (S Powell) P Hedger 10-11-5 .... S Smith Eccles [illegible]
5 140-412 GAY MOORE 12 (D,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Robinson 10-10-13 .... J White 97
6 1140-D1 JOIST 238 (D,F,G) (A Joynson) Mrs J Wonnacott 9-10-11 .... Mrs C Wonnacott 91
7 21P31-3 BIZAGE MOTORS 147 (B,D,BF,F) (C Popham) C Popham 7-10-11 .... W Irvine 91
8 /P1/4-6 SUNNY SLAVE 27 (G,S) (R Parish) N Henderson 10-10-7 .... R Dunwoody —
9 120051 BOLSHOI BOY 10 (F,G) (P D Fasteners Ltd) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-7 (7ex) .... Jacqui Oliver [illegible]
10 4F5R0P GENERAL CHRYSON 9 (D,S) (D Mitchell) Mrs S Williams 11-10-4 .... B Clifford (7) —
11 663102 MOE GREENE 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Gait) J McConnochie 11-10-4 .... R Bellamy (5) ● [illegible]
12 29F55P COMRA 12 (B,D,G,S) (P Dales) G Ham 12-10-2 .... M A Fitzgerald (7) 85
13 P36P56 IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 10 (G,S) (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 11-10-2 .... N Dawe 82
14 52/22P/ DYLAN'S PRIDE 719 (D,S) (Miss E Edwards) Miss P O'Connor 12-10-1 .... W McFarland —
15 53514P- GRINGO 364 (B,CD,F) (R Brown) J Honeyball 12-10-1 .... S McNeill 85
16 316-P43 SPLITTHEDIFFERENCE 12 (F) (V Barclay) Mrs A Barclay 7-10-0 .... J Osborne 90

Long handicap: Splitthedifference 9-10.

BETTING: 4-1 Canford Palm, 5-1 Gay Moore, 6-1 Bizage Motors, 7-1 Lockwood Prince, Bolshoi Boy, 8-1 Mister Ed, 10-1 Moe Greene, 12-1 Splitthedifference, 14-1 Comra, 16-1 others.

1990: EN GOUNASI THEON 9-11-7 P Holley (4-6 fav) G Dodge 4 ran

4.30 UKADIAN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (Div II: £2,540: 2m 3f) (14 runners)

1 2F/0500- ROARK 425 (S) (R Stone) Miss L Bower 8-12-0 .... S Hodgson (5) —
2 224P/52 PRINCE RAMBORO 21 (G,S) (A Sadik) M Pipe 10-11-0 .... P Scudamore [illegible]
3 0F-12F INDIAN CRUISE 127 (BF,F) (Lord Grimston of Westbury) N Henderson 6-10-9 .... J White [illegible]
4 0U52U3 AFALTOUN 27 (H Hopgood) D Gandolfo 6-10-8 .... S Dowling [illegible]
5 4F0315 TIPPING TIM 19 (S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-4 .... C Llewellyn ● [illegible]
6 2U3410 GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS 84 (C,F,S) (B Scriven) B Scriven 13-10-2 .... R Guest 97
7 0/0FF3 BLUE BUCCANEER 21 (Mrs D Price) T Forster 8-10-2 .... J Short [illegible]
8 0/P0P38 DISPORT 5 (F) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 8-10-1 .... D Madgwick (7) [illegible]
9 P2-F0F0 COUNTRY DIARY 10 (Mrs H Barr) G Balding 8-10-0 .... Mr S Mulline —
10 0/5PF4- ROYAL WARDEN 339 (Mrs E Taplin) J Taplin 10-10-0 .... B Clifford (7) —
11 PPFP0U MONTECATINI 10 (B) (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 5-10-0 .... — —
12 65P4UP BISCUIT TRADER 10 (B) (D Dyer) Mrs J Retter 7-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald (7) —
13 000PP0 MARLBOROUGH LADY 10 (Poppa Inns Racing) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 .... G Knight —
14 0600/5 SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 167 (P Buckley) M Muggeridge 9-10-0 .... W Irvine —

Long handicap: Montecatini 9-11, Biscuit Trader 9-11, Marlborough Lady 9-11, Spearhead Warrior 9-11.

BETTING: 9-4 Indian Cruise, 3-1 Prince Ramboro, 4-1 Tipping Tim, 5-1 Afaltoun, 10-1 Blue Buccaneer, 12-1 others.

1990: GAY EDITION 8-11-4 Peter Hobbs (11-8 fav) P Hobbs 6 ran

5.0 FRESH START NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,145: 2m 3f) (14 runners)

1 015332 DARA DOONE 28 (BF,G,S) (B Mackie) R Akehurst 5-12-7 .... [illegible] (7) [illegible]
2 3-11260 HOPEFUL ALDA 19 (S) (P Moriarty) Mrs A King 6-11-1 .... R Dunwoody [illegible]
3 113223 WICK POUND 35 (B) (K Britten) J Old 5-10-10 .... C Llewellyn [illegible]
4 4/50P-10 COUNTRY DAMSEL 8 (C,F) (R Barber) R Hodges 7-10-10 .... G McCourt [illegible]
5 F20 BUSH HILL 43 (M Hoskin) G Ham 6-10-7 .... S Burrough (5) [illegible]
6 224200 TASMAN OAK 9 (B) (A Stennett) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-6 .... R Hyett [illegible]
7 653320 WOODSIDE HEATH 28 (M Power) J Moore 4-10-4 .... — [illegible]
8 -20/F FIRST LEGION 31 (J Ennis) M Pipe 9-10-3 .... P Scudamore —
9 PUP460 BALLYANTO 29 (J Chard) R Holder 6-10-1 .... N Mann [illegible]
10 P3042P FASTBIT 47 (Classical Enterprises Ltd) C Jackson 4-10-0 .... V Slattery (7) [illegible]
11 00P42U MAGSOOD 12 (Mrs J Gill) S Mellor 6-10-0 .... M Perrett ● [illegible]
12 P00016 CAZAUDEHORE 12 (G Johnson) M Robinson 6-10-0 .... J White [illegible]
13 0000 YOUNG ALFIE 38 (J Panvert) J Panvert 6-10-0 .... J Akehurst [illegible]
14 040038 CHEEKY FOX 15 (J Westley) J Bosley 5-10-0 .... M Bosley [illegible]

Long handicap: Cazaudehore 9-12, Young Alfie 9-10, Cheeky Fox 9-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Dara Doone, 9-2 First Legion, 5-1 Wick Pound, 6-1 Bush Hill, 8-1 Magsood, Country Damsel, 10-1 Cazaudehore, 12-1 Ballyanto, Woodside Heath, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

☐ Seagram has been installed 5-1 favourite for the Whitbread Gold Cup on April 27 by Hills. However, David Barons has yet to decide whether Seagram will attempt to emulate Mr Frisk by adding the Sandown prize to his Aintree laurels. At yesterday's acceptance stage, 27 were left in the Whitbread with Barnbrook Again (11st 10lb) heading the weights. Seagram has 9st 13lb. Other prices: 8-1 Cahervillahow, Bigsun, Mr Frisk, 10-1 bar.

RUGBY UNION

Willetts wields accurate boot against Scots

Scotland Under-21 9
English Students 18

By ALAN LORIMER

ENGLISH Students Under-21 achieved their first victory over Scotland Under-21 at a windswept Selkirk yesterday. The English fully merited their win, helped by the accurate kicking of their stand-off, Duncan Willetts, who contributed 14 points from three penalties, a dropped goal and a conversion.

The Scots, considerably under strength, too often made little use of the ball from short penalty situations. They also lacked creativity around the back row. Their most consistent forward was the lock, Scott Aitken, who made promising thrusts round the scrum. But as *their coach, Ian McGeechan,* said, they failed to build a winning platform and tried to attack from unpromising positions.

Scotland took the lead in the first minute when the visitors were penalised for being offside at a ruck, giving David Changleng the chance to put over a penalty goal. Graham McKee, the Scots captain, retired and was replaced by Alan Kittle. The Stewart's Melville prop stiffened up the scrummaging.

Changleng scored once more in the first half with a second penalty goal. Immediately after the restart, England cut the gap with a dropped goal from Willetts. Willetts and Changleng put over penalties to keep the scoreline at a three-point advantage for the Scots. The English were unlucky not to take the lead when Sean Cassidy was tackled a metre short of the try line after combining well with his full back, Guy Stanton, and scrum half, Christian Saverimutto. John Barton, the No. 8, was replaced with Paul Futter and shortly after Willetts put over his second penalty to level the scores.

With the English looking the stronger side, the visitors broke the try stalemate. Cassidy got the touchdown after combining twice with Saverimutto on the narrow side.

Willetts converted from the touchline. A minute from full time, the Exeter University stand-off half emphasised English superiority with his third penalty.

SCORERS: Scotland Under-21s: Penalty goals: Changleng (3). English Students Under-21: Try: Cassidy. Conversion: Willetts. Penalty goal: Willetts (2). Dropped goal: Willetts.

SCOTLAND UNDER-21: C Redpath (Melrose); A Dow (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), R Adam (Edinburgh Acads), S Nichol (Selkirk), D Macrae (Cambridge Univ); D Changleng (Gala), B Redpath (Melrose); J Couper (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), D Timms (Dunfermline), G McKee (Glasgow High/Kelvinside, rep: A Kittle, Stewart's Melville), S Bennett (Kelso), G Weir (Melrose), S Aitken (Melrose), S Lancaster (Wakefield), E Murchison (Loughborough Univ).

ENGLISH STUDENTS UNDER-21: G Stanton (Wolverhampton Poly); I Keary (West London Inst of Higher Education), P Flood (Swansea Univ), L Boyle (Leicester Poly), J Flint (Nottingham Univ); D Willetts (Exeter Univ), C Severimuttor (Sheffield Poly); B Fennel (Durham Univ), A Field (Nottingham Univ), J Mellett (West London Inst of Higher Education), N Richardson (Loughborough Univ), C Kloos (Bristol Univ), J Anthony (St Mary's College), S Cassidy (Teesside Poly), J Barton (Cardiff Inst of Higher Education).

Referee: T Harrower (Forrester FP).

Burton takes on commercial job

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MIKE Burton, a Gloucester and England prop long before his entrepreneurial skills made him the *bête noire* of the sports's establishment, was named yesterday as the Gloucester club's first commercial manager.

Burton, aged 45, is the managing director of Mike Burton Management, part of whose success derives from the organisation of corporate hospitality at leading sporting events. His contacts within rugby union, which enable him to offer hospitality packages at international matches. including match tickets, have frequently seen him at odds with the Rugby Football Union.

Gloucester, however, see him in another light — as one of their own whose financial acumen can be used to the benefit of what has always been one of England's leading clubs. He was appointed from a shortlist of four companies and Peter Ford, the club chairman, said yesterday: "You can't tell us any tales about Mike we don't already know."

Burton joined the club as an 18-year-old and his playing career encompassed 17 caps and a tour with the British Isles in 1974. His burgeoning business career is based in Gloucester and his new role, beginning next month, is to raise revenue for the club from perimeter and programme advertising and from the newly-built hospitality boxes *which now overlook the* Kingsholm ground.

It is an important appointment because Gloucester celebrate 100 years of rugby at Kingsholm next season with matches against an England XV and, it is hoped, a strong invitation XV from Ireland. Moreover, they host a World Cup match between New Zealand and the United States, all of which will turn the spotlight on a city where rugby union is the major sport.

"We are aware rugby is changing," Ford said. "We all had reservations about the post and our investigations into Mike's application were more severe than into anyone else. But he has always been loyal to Gloucester and we are conscious of what is required at a first-class club and are not going to be left behind."

Burton, whose appointment attracted a surge of media interest at Kingsholm yesterday, said: "I found the job irresistible because I joined the club as a lad. I'll be working throughout the summer to put in place early-season sponsorship deals but the main area of expansionwill be to use that splendid set of hospitality boxes.

"We will be making them divisible so that they can cater for large or small functions and I'm sure they will change the social behaviour of people going to Kingsholm," he added.

Gloucester are aware, of course, that playing success leads to commercial success; the possibility of a professional rugby manager has not been ruled out but extra revenue will enable the club to look after players, in terms of playing equipment and clothing, in a way which has now become acceptable. This season, Gloucester have lost an unusually large number of players to other clubs — John Etheridge to Northampton, John Brain and Richard Pascall to Bedford, Damian Cummins to Newport — which is a drain they cannot afford in these competitive times.

☐ Northampton, winners of the national sevens title last season, have been drawn to meet Orrell, the club they dismissed last weekend from the Pilkington Cup, in this year's competition at Bath on April 28.

DRAW (first match 12.0, final scheduled for 5.30): Rosslyn Park v Liverpool St Helens; Bath v London Irish; Saracens v Rugby; Gloucester v Harlequins; Wasps v Moseley; Leicester v Bristol; Nottingham v Wakefield; Orrell v Northampton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Third tier awaits clubs

THREE divisions in the rugby league are inevitable. A meeting of the league next Wednesday will decide which plan will go through and when it will start (Keith Macklin writes).

Clubs will vote on three schemes. The first is the so-called Hetherington plan, which was narrowly defeated at a previous meeting in Leeds. This envisages divisions of 14, eight and 14 clubs next season.

The second option is to adopt the Hetherington plan the following season, and the third choice, introduced by Castleford and Doncaster, calls for three divisions of 12 teams each to start the season after next.

If the final option gets the required three-fifths majority it would mean that next season only one club would be promoted from the second division, with three relegated from the first division.

☐ Heworth, the York club, became last night the first amateur side to install floodlights when it met Dudley Hill in the National League.

☐ England Students will play Wales Students at Warrington on Saturday in the final match in the three nations students championship. The match will decide the title after Wales drew with France 10-10 at Cannes and England beat France 25-14.

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Ballesteros fancies a green jacket

Practising his smile: Woosnam sets out at Augusta to be on a par with Tommy Farr

MITCHELL PLATTS AT THE MASTERS

Augusta, Georgia

TO SEVERIANO Ballesteros there is no place like home — with, perhaps, one exception. The Spaniard would choose Augusta National if he was given a life sentence to one course. He has a passionate reverence for the place. And if he is to escape from the frustration of the last 12 months, it will be by winning the 55th Masters, which starts here today.

It seemed likely, when he won in 1980 and 1983, that Ballesteros would dominate Augusta in much the same manner as Arnold Palmer did with four wins between 1958 and 1964, not to mention Jack Nicklaus, winner of a record six green jackets.

The irony is that the course he cherishes has become a curse to his aspirations. He has finished out of the top six only once since 1985. Yet he knows that on two occasions he should have won. He knows, too, that Nick Faldo, with successive victories, has become the master of the Masters.

There is little rapport between Ballesteros and Faldo but there is respect and that provides the explanation for Ballesteros's decline. He swallowed his pride when Faldo won in 1989. He almost choked when Faldo defended. There was no animosity. He could not digest one player mastering Augusta.

Ballesteros found himself in awe of Faldo. So much so that he attempted to emulate the robotic qualities of Faldo's game. The result? He exorcised the lifeblood of his own game. He eliminated the spirit of adventure. The toreador had been tamed by himself.

There is no land of fantasy where Faldo is concerned. His territory, like Augusta National, is well defined. He has built the best swing in the business to stay within the perimeters of the course. He has no intention of venturing into the towering Georgia pines, the dogwood and the azaleas.

Ballesteros wanted to be similarly armed. He sought help from one teacher after another, including David Leadbetter, Faldo's coach. It was a futile exercise, although not even Manuel, his eldest brother, could tell him so. "His problem is his mind," Manuel said. "His confidence is gone. He listens to too many people."

Then Ballesteros looked at a video. The picture told a story. "If you watch tapes of Faldo five years ago, you will see his swing has not changed that much," Ballesteros said. "The key in Nick Faldo is that he has conquered his mind. I know that very well because I have had my time, too. Once you conquer your mind, everything looks very simple, very easy. You feel the best. You feel you can beat everybody. That is what is happening with Nick Faldo at the moment."

To Ballesteros, it was a watershed. Faldo will disagree with Ballesteros's judgment but it matters not. What it has done for Ballesteros is to release him from the straitjacket in which he put himself. His swing is smoother. His attitude is aggressive again. His confidence is back.

"I have been working by myself and I feel very good," he said. "I'm very happy and ready to give it a go. I've a good feeling and it is a long time since I felt this way. My game is sharp, so I'm confident. I don't have any weak clubs in my bag. I want to win and that is is the only thing on my mind. I am not here to be second, third or fourth."

Winning, of course, is all that is on the mind of Faldo. Victory would provide him with a place in the record books that might be as imperishable as the 18 major championships won by Jack Nicklaus. Nicklaus himself believes that Faldo will find it easier to win his third green jacket than he did his first two.

"He is the clear favourite," Nicklaus said. "He knows the course, he knows he can play it, he knows he can beat it. It is like driving a car. The first time is awkward, the second time out it seems a little easier and the third time it's natural."

Nicklaus treasures the thought of winning for a seventh time. In 1986 he became the oldest player to win the title. Raymond Floyd would have surpassed that if he had not fallen victim to Faldo a year ago.

An American has not won since Larry Mize holed from 140 feet with a chip at the second extra hole in 1987. Curtis Strange is capable of giving his nation reason once more to celebrate. Tom Watson, who has finished out of the top ten only once in the last ten years, likewise has the experience which Paul Azinger, Mark Calcavecchia and Fred Couples might lack.

Watson believes the European golfers to be a "cut above the rest of the world". He nominated Ian Woosnam, Ballesteros and Faldo as his leading contenders, in addition to Greg Norman. It was a wonderful compliment to the PGA European Tour and he can be forgiven for forgetting José-María Olazábal. The younger Spaniard has still to win a *major championship.*

Ballesteros is adamant that it will not be too long before his compatriot does so. "If I was to take one from the field, it would be José-María," Ballesteros said. Then, with a gleam in his eyes not seen for months, Ballesteros added: "It would be a pity for him to finish second to me."

Woosnam poised to cross chasm

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

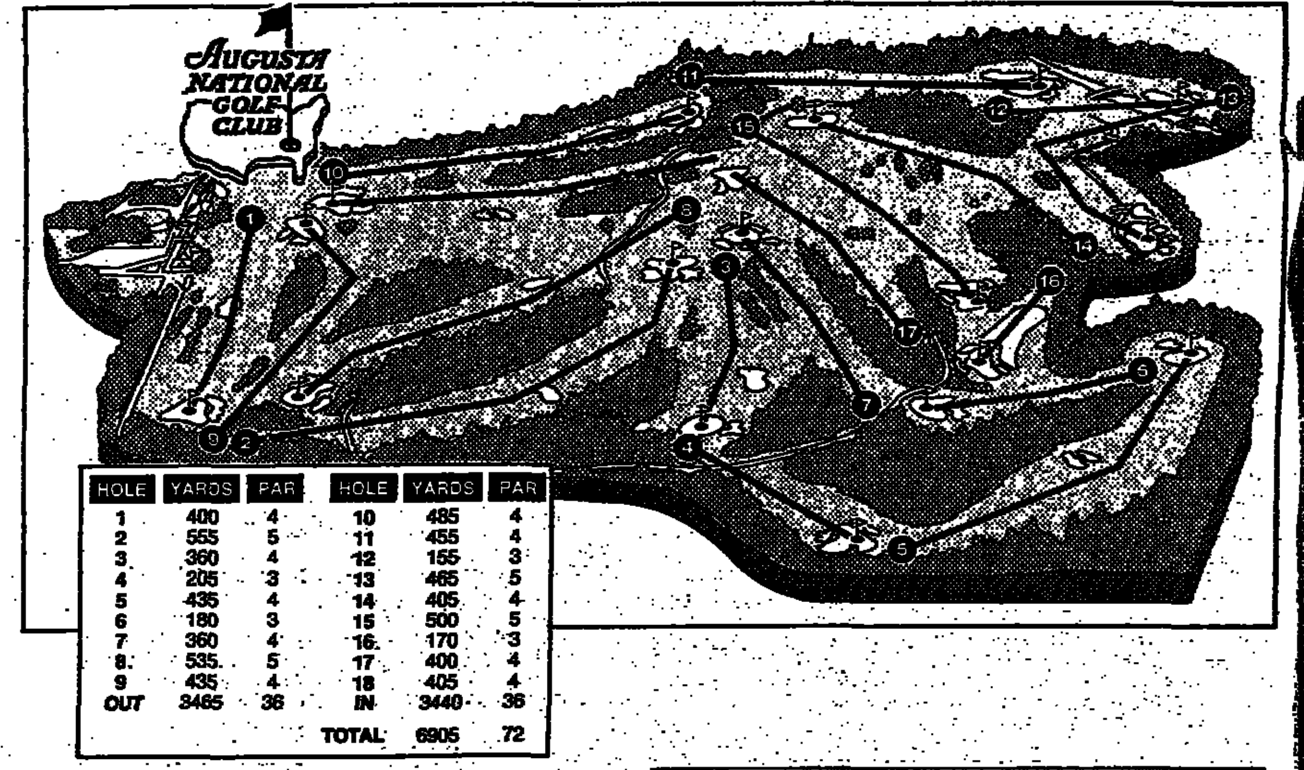
BY WINNING the 55th Masters, Ian Woosnam can become the first Welshman to own a major championship. He is aware that success would enable him to enjoy similar sporting acclaim to that of compatriots *such as Lynn Davies,* Barry John, Tommy Farr, John Charles, Billy Meredith and Colin Jackson.

It would free him from the frustration he feels living in the shadow of the defending champion, Nick Faldo. The Welshman accepts that, while he earned praise for his recent breakthrough on the US PGA Tour — he won the USF and G Classic in New Orleans last month — there is in the United States a chasm which he needs to cross.

"I know Nick has won the major championships but I feel that over the years my performances have been stronger," he said. "Yet all the talking is about him. I'm top of the Sony rankings now. I've won two tournaments out of three this season. But Nick gets all the *headlines. I want equal* recognition.

"The other players recognise how good I am. I'm not sure that is the case in America. But I know that the one sure way to make an impact is to win the Masters."

Faldo, questioned on whom he expected to be the leading contenders this week, immediately nominated Woosnam. Told that he had fallen below Woosnam in the world rankings, he said: "That's fine. I'm not going to argue with Ian. At 5ft 4in, if he hit me it wouldn't 'alf hurt."



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7	360	4	16	170	3
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Humble fare for odd man out

From MEL WEBB IN JERSEY

GETTING on for 4,500 miles away the 20 leading golfers in the world were among those preparing yesterday for a feast *on the glassy greens of Augusta* National. Meanwhile, the man who is 21st in the list was engaged on more humble fare as he sampled the bumps, bumps, runs and hollows of La Moye.

Rodger Davis was No. 1 in the Australian order of merit last year. He also won twice in Europe and finished ninth in the European money list with earnings of more that £283,000.It may have guaranteed him a warm welcome to the Jersey Open, which starts here today, but apparently did not form an impressive enough curriculum vitae to get past Hord Hardin, master of the Masters. The Australian is pleased enough to be gracing La Moye with his powerful presence this week, but at the same time is — let us be kind — not entirely happy that *he has not been asked to smell* the flowers at Augusta.

Davis played in the Masters in 1988 and finished 29th. He received his invitations to play in the US Open at Hasletine and the US PGA at Crooked Stick some time ago. There was nothing but resounding silence from the good ol' boys in Georgie.

Not wanting, perhaps, to ensure that the call never comes again, Davis was understandably a little guarded when invited to comment on his absence from the first major championship of the year. "It's disappointing," he said. "I thought that perhaps I'd done enough. But there is no point in complaining now. Perhaps they're sick of Aussie winners."

Perhaps they are. After all, *Wayne Grady took the US PGA* title last year, and Steve Elkington won the Players Championship a few weeks back. But you will not catch them cursing a lack of Southern hospitality. They are both playing in Augusta.

Be that all as it may, Davis could still turn what he primarily regards as a practice week here into a lucrative consolation prize.

A purse of £200,000 and a first prize of £33,330 has tempted a strong field, including Sam Torrance, Howard Clark, Christy O'Connor Jr, who won when this tournament was last played two years ago, Craig Parry, of Australia, and Gordon Brand Jr, to assemble here.

Incidentally, in our columns last week Brand was said to have been incorrectly docked two strokes for an infraction of the rules during the Florence Open by a PGA official.The penalty was, of course, imposed by an official of the European PGA Tour, which, as all the world and his wife know, is not the same thing at all.

Brand was surprisingly philosophical about the mistake, which cost him £2,740 in prize-money and the loss of the same number of Ryder Cup points.

One wonders if he will be quite as mellow if he misses the big match in Kiawah Island in September by 2,739 points.

TODAY'S TEE-OFF TIMES

US unless stated

8.30: G Sarazen and S Snead
8.45: L Wadkins and J Mudd
8.53: T Wieckmann and L Roberts
9.01: J Inman and F Minoza (Phil)
9.09: B Casper and D Ford
9.17: S Hoch and K Green
9.25: A Lyle (GB) and T Schulz
9.33: J Gallacher jnr and J Benepe
9.41: T Aaron and G Brewer
9.49: B Langer (Ger) and G Morgan
9.57: C Coody and *M Zerman (SA)
10.05: L Trevino and T Simpson
10.13: G Player (SA) and J Sluman
10.21: T Kite and B Tennyson
10.29: P Azinger and J Huston
10.37: C Stadler and N Price (Zim)
10.45: A Magee and B R Brown
10.53: J Cook and I Baker-Finch (Aus)
11.01: G Norman (Aus) and F Couples
11.09: R Tway and P Jacobsen
11.17: A Palmer and *J P Stuart
11.25: J Sindelar and K Knox
11.33: T Watson and R Rafferty (N Ire)
11.41: M O'Meara and D Hammond
11.49: B Crenshaw and M McNulty (Zimb)
11.57: S Ballesteros (Sp) and M Calcavecchia
12.05: M Donald and B Mayfair
12.13: R Floyd and S Elkington (Aus)
12.21: L Nelson and R Mediate
12.29: C Strange and S Jones
12.37: W Grady (Aus) and B Britton
12.45: F Zoeller and I Woosnam (GB)
12.53: L Mize and *R Munz (Neth)
13.01: J Nicklaus and *M S Combs
13.09: M Ozaki (Japan) and W Levi
13.17: D Frost and M Brooks
13.25: N Faldo (GB) and *P Mickelson
13.33: S Simpson and N Henke
13.41: T Nakajima (Japan) and C Pavin
13.49: D Love III and S Pate
13.57: H Irwin and J-M Olazábal (Sp)
14.05: G Archer and D Pooley
14.13: M McCumber and R Gamez
14.21: C Beck and M Hatalsky
14.29: P Stewart and J D Blake

*denotes amateur

LATEST BETTING (Corals): 5-1: Faldo; 12-1: Norman, Woosnam, Strange; 14-1: Azinger, Olazábal; 20-1: Calcavecchia, Langer; 28-1: Simpson, Couples, Wadkins; 33-1: Kite, Beck, Ballesteros, O'Meara; 40-1: Mudd, Gamez, Levi, Watson, Elkington, Pate, McNulty, Baker-Finch; 50-1: Irwin, Frost, Morgan, Grady, Tway, Hoch, Pavin, Price, Nicklaus.

BRIDGE

Forrester brings a halt to Lavenko challenge

By ALBERT DORMER

VASSILY Lavenko, of Lithuania, narrowly failed to become the first non-Briton to usurp a major British title for a generation when he finished second in the Portland Cup, the British League's mixed pairs championship. His challenge was thwarted by Tony Forrester, who was partnered by Pamela Stone.

The contest, founded by the world's oldest card club, the Portland, was fought out by 412 pairs in three separate sessions which were played simultaneously at Leeds, Wanstead, Perth and Cwmbran. The result of each deal was analysed by computers and the contest was scored overall as a unified event.

Lavenko's strong showing followed a bright performance over Easter in another blue-riband event, *The Guardian* Pairs in London, in which he finished sixth in a huge field. On each occasion he was partnered by Deirdre Sanders, of Scotland.

Forrester, who is rated as Britain's leading player, is a previous winner of the Portland Cup but his performance was, none the less, impressive as he was playing with a partner who, 18 months ago, was a novice. Since then, Mrs Stone has also finished second in the inter-club *team knockout championship.*

LEADING SCORES: 1, A R Forrester and P Stone, 63 per cent, 2, D Sanders and V Lavenko, 62.39 3, P Hackett and S Fenton, 61.29; 4, A White and K Hodgson, 60.14; 5, S Preston and H Liechment, 60.03; 6, D Price and J Sutcliffe, 59.75, 7, E Phillips and J C Street, 59.36, 8, R Brock and S Horton, 58.68, 9, D Sheck and K Ishii, 58.47; 10, P Fountain and J Skillem, 58.40.

EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton warms to task

From JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

NICK Skelton made a propitious start to the five-day Volvo World Cup meeting here when he and Alan Paul Major Wager won the opening warm-up class yesterday from a 50-strong field.

Major Wager, who won in Zurich last month, is not Skelton's World Cup horse — he rides Grand Slam in the opening leg of the final tonight — but he is hoping that the win signifies a change of luck in the Gothenburg arena.

"I've been competing in Gothenburg for more than 12 years," Skelton said yesterday, "but this is only my third win. I usually fall off — I've been on the ground in this arena many more times than I have won."

Tonight's first leg of the three-part final — a speed competition — will be the acid test for Skelton. In the 13 years of the World Cup no rider finishing outside the top eight after the speed competition has won the cup.

Last year in Dortmund, where Skelton finished sixth overall, he and Grand Slam were fourteenth after the speed class and went on to win the second leg. His chances of success tonight have been helped by the draw. He is 26th to go out of the 44 riders in the World Cup and so will be able to watch the earlier riders to see how Roland Nilsson's course is riding.

No such advantage has fallen to John Whitaker and Henderson Milton, the holders of the cup and favourites to win again. They are drawn fourth. "I'll just have to do my own thing," Whitaker said yesterday. He did just that in the warm-up class, knocking down an innocent-looking upright fence.

But Whitaker, who is also the European champion, knows exactly how to produce Milton on his best form — and his relaxed performance yesterday bodes well. Last year they collected eight faults in the warm-up class after a similarly "casual" round and went on to win the opening leg.

Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, who surprisingly has never finished higher than sixth in a World Cup final, has been drawn fortieth on Henderson Monsanta, which should improve his chances of success.

The North American riders, who have won the Cup ten times since it started in 1979, have lost one of their leading partnerships. Alice Debany and The Natural have had to withdraw after the horse showed signs of lameness.

RESULT: Volvo World Cup: Warm-up class 1 (jump-off): 1, Alan Paul Major Wager (N Skelton, GB) 0 faults in 29.49sec; 2, P S Poly Royal (O Becker, Ger) 0 in 29.85; 3, Arrangeur (D Dolan, US) 0 in 30.18.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

On the beat: Truncheons at the ready, these Essex policemen train for the London Marathon.

Doyle bears burden of the record-haul

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

"A WORLD gathering of eccentrics," was how Chris Brasher, the race director, described the ADT London Marathon yesterday. And on came Paddy Doyle, professional sporting eccentric.

Once, Doyle did nearly 40,000 press-ups in a day. He has set 17 world records in events that nobody has ever heard of until someone sets a record in them. Where is the pleasure in that? "It's a living," Doyle said. He has sponsors who pay him to perform these esoteric acts.

Doyle's eighteenth record could come in the London Marathon on Sunday week. He will be running with 44lb of sand on his back and the *Guinness Book of Records* has threatened to delete his 4hr 56min from its columns in 1992 if he does not come up with something better. He can always go back to press-ups. He did one-and-a-half million one year. "Short arms," one wag said.

As well as sand, Doyle will have charity riding on his back, as will all the eccentrics put before yesterday's press conference in London. He will be raising money for a cerebral palsy sufferer. Neil Adams, the former judo world champion, is doing his first marathon for an addiction centre. "It's for all addictions, legal ones and illegal ones," Adams said.

The marathon addiction shows no sign of cure: 34,000 have been accepted for the jaunt of colour from Greenwich to Westminster. Among them Lord Coleridge, a descendant of the poet, Samuel. Water, water everywhere, one million bottles along the 26 miles, 385 yards. The London Marathon office likes its statistics: more engineers taking part than any other occupation and 17 gallons of blue-line paint for the leaders to follow, it told us.

Nigel Benn, the boxer, was supposed to be there but did not make the weigh-in. Eddie Kidd was on the list of celebrities who are running but, since 21 double-decker buses were not parked outside, we could guess he might not be around. He was presumably practising elsewhere for his attempt to clear the buses on his machine later this year.

If he succeeds it would be a world record. He would have enjoyed yesterday, if only to meet Paddy Doyle.

☐ Forrest Towns, who won the 110 metres hurdles at the Berlin Olympics in 1936 and the same year set a world record of 13.7sec, died of heart failure in Athens, Georgia, aged 77. His world record, set in Oslo two weeks after the Berlin Games, survived for 14 years. He was the first athlete to break the 14-second barrier.

Towns earned a track scholarship to Georgia in 1933 as a high jumper after a neighbour saw him win a backyard high-jumping contest. Towns made his mark in track and field at the Georgia University. From 1935-7 Towns won more than 60 consecutive hurdles events.

FOOTBALL

League leadership's first-division trio face stern inquiry

By Peter Ball

THE threat of a breakaway premier league was not on the original agenda for today's meeting of the Football League management committee, but it is safe to say that it will dominate what is likely to be a long and possibly acrimonious meeting as the Football League starts to formulate its response to the Football Association's devastating initiative.

In particular, the first-division representatives, Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa, Robert Chase, of Norwich, and Sir John Smith, of Liverpool, whose clubs had reportedly been lobbied by the FA for support, are likely to face some searching questions about their failure to report back to the management committee.

"It is time for a little bit of honesty," Ian Stott, of Oldham, remarked yesterday.

But if the meeting is likely to be tense, suggestions that these representatives will be asked to resign seem premature. Even critics of Ellis and his colleagues point out that this time the defence that as representatives of the first division they were acting in its interests is much more plausible than it was in the cases of David Dein and Philip Carter the last time that a breakaway league was mooted.

There are indications that the first-division clubs are far from united in their feelings for the project, or indeed agreed on the ultimate aims, with at least some of the standard-bearers seeing the FA's proposal as a stepping stone to a British or European super league. The Football League will certainly be at pains to discover whether a larger slice of income for the big clubs would be enough to keep them within the existing framework.

For the moment there seems little taste for open war. "It is all very sad," Maxwell Holmes, of Leeds, said. Holmes, the fourth first-division representative, actually voted against the proposals in the FA Council meeting on Monday.

"I still believe there are grounds for agreement — there is a formula or two which could be followed."

The committee will undoubtedly discuss a wide range of options, from agreement in principle (an unlikely response, to say the least) to a consideration of various ways of protecting the integrity of the structure.

But there is little likelihood, even if the committee were in agreement, of anything concrete being decided today.

The committee is certain to decide that it cannot proceed without hearing the views of the clubs, and will either use next week's extraordinary general meeting, which ironically was called to approve an increase in the size of the management committee and levies on TV fees to implement the Taylor report, or call another meeting for the purpose.

Spurs are fined by League

TOTTENHAM Hotspur, millions of pounds in debt and in the throes of talks about a takeover by a consortium including Terry Venables, the manager, have been fined £20,000 by the Football League for arriving late at Stamford Bridge for their match with Chelsea on December 1. Seventy-five per cent of the fine (£15,000) has been "suspended".

The kick-off was delayed after the Tottenham coach had been towed away for illegal parking from outside the Royal Lancaster Hotel where the team were lunching before the match. Policing costs went up as a result of the ten-minute delay. The players arrived in a fleet of taxis. Tottenham lost 3-2.

Gary Bellamy, Wolves' central defender, has had a hernia operation which will keep him out for the rest of the season. He has not played since January.

Jimmy Case was cleared of blame yesterday by Ron Groves, the referee at the previous night's first division game at The Dell. Arsenal, Southampton's visitors, were furious at one of Case's tackles on Paul Davis but Groves said: "Case could not help treading on Davis. It was not malicious and I should know because I was only about two yards away at the time."

For a few seconds, the incident had looked likely to spark off an ugly confrontation.

Coventry inflict despair at Anfield

By Louise Taylor

SURRENDER may be a taboo word at Anfield, but that is effectively what Liverpool did by drawing 1-1 with Coventry City on Tuesday night. In forfeiting two points they probably conceded the championship to Arsenal, who drew 1-1 at Southampton.

That left Arsenal eight points clear at the head of the first division, with Liverpool having a game in hand. At Anfield Ian Rush gave **Liverpool** an early lead, **Coventry** offering a swift riposte through Micky Gynn.

At The Dell, **Arsenal's** progress was checked by a disputed equaliser for **Southampton** from Matthew Le Tissier in the 79th minute. Five minutes earlier, the visitors had assumed the lead through an own goal from Micky Adams, who deflected Alan Smith's shot past Tim Flowers.

Middlesbrough's quest to escape the second division has wavered of late, but the Teessiders righted themselves at Ayresome Park on Tuesday with a 4-0 win over **Port Vale**, which consolidated their play-off credentials. Baird, Ripley, Russell and Wark claimed the goals which will do much to bolster Middlesbrough's fragile confidence.

The long ball met the short at Oakwell, where **Barnsley's** play-off ambitions were boosted and **Notts County's** dented when a goal from O'Connell secured victory for the South Yorkshire side. Unlike Barnsley, **Plymouth Argyle** and **Wolverhampton Wanderers** both rely on the midfield bypass, Argyle doing so to better effect at Home Park, where Wolves' ideas of a first division future all but evaporated after Hodges's goal supplied Plymouth with the points.

Southend United took a giant stride towards promotion to the second division for the first time with a hard-earned 1-0 victory at **Leyton Orient**, who nurture slender hopes of participation in the play-offs.

Celtic descend into a gloom of speculation

By Roddy Forsyth

THE dictum that nobody remembers beaten semi-finalists can be reversed in the case of Celtic, whose 4-2 defeat by Motherwell in the Scottish Cup on Tuesday night guaranteed that for the second season in succession no trophies would adorn the Parkhead boardroom and ensured that the club's immediate future would again be the subject of intense speculation.

The gloom which enveloped Celtic Park during the bleakest days of this season, during December and January, has descended again and it will take a considerable feat of morale for the team to stay in contention for a place in the Uefa Cup. Celtic require at least to maintain their fourth position in the table, staying ahead of Heart of Midlothian, who are two points behind at the moment, but even then they will very probably have to hope that Dundee United beat Motherwell to win the Scottish Cup, particularly if United should defeat Celtic and increase the gap between the clubs when they meet at Tannadice on Saturday.

The consequence for Celtic of Motherwell's victory on Tuesday was to render the achievement of beating Rangers twice on successive Sundays last month an ephemeral interlude. Since the Old Firm derbies Celtic have played Motherwell three times, drawing once and losing twice, and they were also beaten by Aberdeen at Pittodrie last weekend.

A visit to Tannadice in two days now seems a daunting type of therapy. The boardroom antics which fuelled the expectation that the Celtic manager, Billy McNeill, would part company with club have not been in evidence since the turn of the year but whatever responsibility the manager must bear for the team's record over the past two years, he is entitled to feel that the club's cause was seriously undermined by the pronouncements of the Celtic chief executive, Terry Cassidy, which appeared in a tabloid newspaper on the day of the replay.

Cassidy called a press conference on Tuesday to declare that he had been misquoted. Nevertheless, if the chief executive of any club enters into a discussion about whether the manager should be "summarily dismissed" in the event of defeat in his most important game of the season, and if he further floats the name of another manager, in this case Lou Macari, as a possible successor, he is laid wide open to charges of subversion within the ranks.

McNeill declined yesterday to be drawn into any discussion on the matter, preferring simply to declare sympathy for his players. By contrast, the Motherwell manager, Tommy McLean, was predictably buoyant although he conceded that the impact of an unexpectedly emphatic victory had not sunk in until yesterday.

The record of Tuesday's contest suggested that Motherwell had used the opportunity of the half-time break to adjust the tactics which had seen them twice fall behind in the first half to goals by Coyne and Rogan but McLean disagreed: "We changed things while the first half was still under way. The biggest problem was our defence which gave Celtic too much length and forced the midfield players to drop too deep to get possession.

"Once we tightened up we got a grip on the game although it could have gone either way until we scored out third goal. After that I felt we would do it because I could see that the players had lifted themselves. At half time we had said that they were not doing themselves justice and you have to give them enormous credit for overcoming a lot of obstacles".

The obstacles, although McLean declined to itemise them all, included resentment that Motherwell had not been awarded a penalty kick in the first tie.

RUGBY UNION

Women's game is looking to the future

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHATEVER the success of the inaugural women's World Cup being played in Wales this week, their administrators are already looking ahead. A meeting in Cardiff has agreed in principle to a second tournament in 1994, and has invited proposals for the formation of an international women's rugby organisation.

The better-known International Rugby Football Board was unable to accept an invitation to the meeting but will have a second opportunity when the women convene in Madrid this summer, to try and establish the framework of the new body — and evaluate the success of their first World Cup.

The organisers ae hopeful of crowds of at least 6,000 at tomorrow's semi-finals in Cardiff, and Sunday's final at the same venue. They require that number to cover the tournament costs of £30,000 and have still to find some £4,000 to cover the cost of accommodation for the Soviet team, though rather than allow the individual organisers to stand liable for that sum, the men's game would surely be in a position to help.

Meanwhile, on the field New Zealand made their way to the semi-finals by beating Wales 24-6 at Flannharan yesterday.

Several hundred of the old mining village's inhabitants urged on the national side but, in a reversal of male traditions, New Zealand's backs outweighed the strengths of the Welsh forwards.

England and France, neither of whom played yesterday, are already through to the other semi-final.

SCORERS: Wales: Penalties: A Bennett (2). New Zealand: Tries: L Brett (3), A Richards, A Ford. Conversions: D Chase (2).

BOWLS

Bell finds strokes for title

By Gordon Allan

JOHN Bell, of Cumbria, singles runner-up in 1984, won his first national indoor championship when he skipped Ian Carruthers and Andrew Baxter to the English triples title at Melton Mowbray yesterday.

They beat Keith Deeks, Julian Poole and Les Bentick, of Haverhill, Suffolk, 21-11. The score does less than justice to Haverhill who, after conceding 11 shots in the opening four ends, bowled with grit and skill.

But Bell changed a few ends in Cumbria's favour, notably the ninth when, with the score 13-5 and Haverhill holding five, Bell promoted one of his front bowls on to the jack.

The first round of the pairs was completed, with two matches going to an extra end. Hoyster, Whitstable, dropped three shots on the 21st when Bill Hobart moved the jack for Boston, but they scored two on the 22nd to win 20-18.

RESULTS: Pairs: First round: Gateshead (D Scott, D Webb) bt Westlecot, Swindon (G Hemerall, M Russell), 21-14; Stanley (T Kempster, C Palmer) bt Teignbridge (J Evans, D Dennison), 18-12; North Walsham (A Tutty, M Christmas) bt Essex County (S Cooper, P Maynard), 20-19; Ashfield (D Thompson, G Mee) bt Wealden (K O'Donnell, A King), 17-15; Ipswich (I and G Clouting) bt Wymondham (T Overton, I Gracey), 23-17; Oyster Whitstable (A Comfoot, D Holmes) bt Boston (N Cammack, W Hobart), 20-18 after extra end; Kingsthorpe (M Sharpe, E Hanger) bt West Cornwall (T May, G James), 27-10; Dolphin Poole (C Martin, A Tidby) bt Ely (F Harrison, P Creak). Triples final: Cumbria (I Carruthers, A Baxter, J Bell) bt Haverhill (K Deeks, J Poole, L Bentick), 21-11.

STUDENT SPORT

Pace of Polytechnics tells

By Mark Herbert

BRITISH Polytechnics, with their three World Student Games squad players outstanding, virtually ensured that British Universities' hold on the women's hockey title in the Endsleigh Festival is over. At Abbeydale, in Sheffield, yesterday a late flurry of goals enabled the Polytechnics to run out 6-3 winners over their rivals in this three-day representative team tournament.

Although they dominated throughout, Polytechnics were only assured of victory in the final quarter, when they scored four goals. Universities held their defence well and took their chances up front, Nadine Long scoring twice and Kate Elliot once.

But the quality of the Polytechnics' attack finally told. The pace of Sharon Wallwin and Carol Savage, both from Sheffield, tore holes in their opponents' hasty rearguard action, earning them two goals apiece. Julia Robertson and Tina Cullen completed the scoring.

The women's party for the World Student Games here in the summer has already been selected: Wallwin, Robertson and Cullen are in it. The men, with selections still to play for, produced a scrappy display when the Universities and Colleges drew 1-1 earlier.

The game came to life briefly in the second half when Marcus Faithful put the Colleges ahead and Paul Hollway equalised from a short corner within a minute. The Universities, missing several leading players, still played coherently, but Colleges, marshalled by Colclough and O'Sullivan, the Welsh internationals, were tenacious and the game consisted largely of a stalemate.

The football tournament opened similarly, Polytechnics earning a point with an 88th-minute equaliser by Mark Aitken, of Leeds, after Mark Farmer, of Cardiff IHE, gave Colleges the lead early in the second half.

RESULTS: Football: Colleges 1, Polytechnics 1. Hockey: Men: Colleges 1, Universities 1. Women: Universities 3, Polytechnics 6. Netball: Colleges 22, Universities 30; Universities 27, Polytechnics 25. Tennis: Women's singles: Universities 2, Polytechnics 0; Men's doubles: Universities 1, Colleges 0.

HOCKEY

Jennings turns lapses to account

17 Trg Regt RA	6
3 ADSR	0

By Sydney Friskin

IAN Jennings, better known in the higher realms of national hockey, scored all six goals for the 17th Training Regiment Royal Artillery in the Army Cup final at Aldershot yesterday.

Jennings spent the afternoon dribbling through the packed defence of the 3rd Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment, the champions of the Rhine Army, who conceded 20 short corners and four penalty strokes.

The Gunners had to wait until after the interval to open the score as Mill, in goal for the Signals, made several smart saves from the 14 short corners in the first half.

After Jennings had scored from a centre by Kidney the Signals raised their game, but the Gunners' pressure began to tell, and infringements inside the circle took their toll.

17 TRAINING REGIMENT RA: WOII S Kelly; Maj R Stormonth, Lt Col I Campbell, Capt K Miles, Maj C Johnson, Lt A Hutchinson (sub: WOI G Crennell), WOII M Kidney, Lt D Armitage (sub: Capt K Peall), S/Sgt I Jennings, Bdr S Parfitt, Sgt J Bowen (sub: Gnr G Carter).
3 ARMOURED DIVISION HQ AND SIGNALS REGIMENT: Sgt J Mill; WOI T Taylor, Lt Col J Cook, Maj D Norton, Capt M Hammett, WOI A Roberts, WOII A Kelly (sub: WOI D Thomas), Sgt S Swain, Col J Collett, Lt A Porter, WOI D Scott (sub: WOII J Shanks).
Umpires: Col G Gadd (Combined Services) and Maj C Kemp.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Semi-final, first leg

SP MOSCOW (0) 1		MARSEILLES (2) 3	
Shalimov 65		Pele 27	
90,000		Papin 32	
		Vercruysse 88	

European Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-final, first leg

L WARSAW (1) 1		MAN UTD (1) 3	
Cyzio		McClair	
20,000		Hughes	
		Bruce	

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Coventry 1; Southampton 1, Arsenal 1. Second division: Barnsley 1, Notts County 0; Middlesbrough 4, Port Vale 0; Plymouth 1, Wolverhampton W 0. Third division: Bury 3, Grimsby 2; Cambridge 3, Reading 0; Fulham 4, Shrewsbury 0; Leyton Orient 0, Southend 1; Rotherham 1, Crewe 1. Postponed: Swansea v Bradford. Fourth division: Darlington 1, Lincoln 1; Hartlepool 2, Scunthorpe 0; Stockport 2, Northampton 0; Wrexham 2, Maidstone 2.
LEYLAND DAF CUP: Northern area final, second leg: Preston 1, Tranmere 0 (Tranmere win 4-1 on agg). Southern area final, second leg: Brentford 0, Birmingham 1 (Birmingham win 3-1 on agg).
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 0, Fisher 0; Colchester 2, Welling 1; Kettering 2, Barrow 0; Macclesfield 3, Bath 1; Stafford 0, Northwich 0; Telford 1, Gateshead 2.
TENNANTS SCOTTISH CUP, Semi-final, replay: Celtic 2, Motherwell 4 (Motherwell v Dundee United in final).
B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: St Johnstone 2, St Mirren 1. Postponed: Motherwell v Dundee United. First division: Postponed: Clyde v Dundee.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton 1, Oxford United 2; Watford 0, Wimbledon 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bolton 5, Wigan 0; Hull 1, Mansfield 2; Oldham 4, Blackpool 2.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton 0, Southport 0; Chorley 0, Witton 1; Droylsden 2, Hyde 0; Fleetwood 0, Bishop Auckland 1; Goole 4, Bangor City 3; Marine 3, South Liverpool 1. First division: Bridlington Town 4, Farsley Celtic 0; Caernarfon Town 1, Radcliffe Borough 0; Eastwood Town 1, Worksop Town 2; Irlam Town 2, Harrogate Town 1; Warrington Town 2, Rhyl 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 1, Newcastle Blue Star 0; Ferryhill Athletic 0, Whitby Town 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Vitesse Arnhem 0, Sparta Rotterdam 0; NEC Nijmegen 2, MVV Maastricht 1.
INTERNATIONAL: Denmark 1, Bulgaria 1 (in Odense).
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Gloria Bistrita 1, Universitatea Craiova 0; Brasov 3, Progresul Braila 0; Bihor Oradea 2, Petrolul Ploiesti 2; Universitatea Cluj 2, Steaua Bucharest 0; Rapid Bucharest 2, Corvinul Hunedoara 0; Farul Constanta 2, Sportul Studentesc 1; Bacau 1, Arges Pitesti 1, Politehnica Timisoara 1, Jiul Petrosani 0; Dinamo Bucharest v Inter Sibiu postponed. Positions (after 23 matches) Universitatea Craiova 32pts, Steaua Bucharest 30, Dinamo Bucharest 29 (22 matches), Poli Timisoara 28, Farul Constanta 26, Rapid Bucharest 25, Inter Sibiu 25 (22 matches), Arges Pitesti 24, Petrolul Ploiesti 24, Corvinul Hunedoara 24.
GREEK LEAGUE: AEK 1, Panionios 0; Levadiakos 1, OFI Crete 1; Athinaikos 2, Panserraikos 2; PAOK 3, Olympiakos 2; Aris 1, Larissa 0; Xanthi 1, Panathinaikos 3; Ionikos 1, Iraklis 2; PAS Ioannina 0, Doxa Drama 1; Apollon 1, Panachaiki 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove 1, Poole 1; Burton 1, Waterlooville 1; Halesowen 3, Rushden 0; Moor Green 1, Chelmsford 0; Wealdstone 1, Farnborough 2.

BOXING

LONDON, Heathrow Park Hotel: England v Wales schoolboy tournament (England names first): Bout 1: J Newell (Ashford High School, Surrey) bt J Jones (Tonyrefail Comprehensive, Wales), points. Bout 2: D Matinson (St Thomas More School, London) bt P Evans (Croesyceiliog), pts. Bout 3: J Cole (Vassey Comprehensive, Surrey) bt D Boswell (Pembroke Comprehensive, Wales), pts. Bout 4: R Yelland (Bryce College, London) lost to J Price (Heolddu Comprehensive, Wales) pts. Bout 5: D Earle (Icknield High School, Luton) bt H Jones (Taskers School, Wales), pts. Bout 6: K Fearon (Beaconsfield Comprehensive, Bucks) bt M Kinsella (Pembroke Comprehensive, Wales), pts. Bout 7: J Edwards (Earl Grey School, Bletchley) lost to J Thomas (Bishop Hedley Comprehensive, Wales), pts. Bout 8: D Curran (Cardinal Newman School, Luton) lost to L Rees (Tonyrefail Comprehensive, Wales), pts. England 5 Wales 3.

RUGBY UNION

Whitbread Yorkshire Cup, quarter-finals: Rotherham 19, Otley 29; Sheffield 12, Harrogate 19; Halifax 19, Middlesbrough 8; Bradford and Bingley 17, Wharfedale 0.
CLUB MATCH: Maesteg 0, Pontypridd 19.

REAL TENNIS

Oratory School Club bt Paris and Fontainebleau 4-1 (Oratory names first): S Robinson bt G Walker 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; P Hopkins and A Snow bt C McKintosh and J Snead 6-0, 6-3; Mr and Mrs R Oldham bt T Beveridge and P Rousseuwell, 6-2, 6-2; H and S Macintosh bt O Boucher and J Drabble 6-2, 6-3; S Leigh lost to C McKintosh 6-3, 4-6, 4-6.

GOLF

KILMARNOCK BARASSIE: Scottish Assistants' Championship: First round leaders: 72: M McLaren (Longniddry). 73: P Lawrie (Kings Links). 74: A McQueen (Turnberry Hotel), G Hume (Clydebank and District). 75: B Moffat (Alyth), J Semple (unattached). 76: S Dunsmore (Dunblane), C Hunter (Royal Troon), D McKay (Ladybank), N Marr (Elderslie), I Gold (Umea). P Wardell (Longniddry), B McAllister (Turnberry Hotel).

HOCKEY

ENDSLEIGH FESTIVAL, MEN: British Colleges 1, British Universities Sports Federation 1 (at Sheffield).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE
Premier Division: Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelmsford	15	13	1	1	55	10	40
Peterborough Town	15	10	3	2	34	18	33
Norwich City	15	9	3	3	30	18	30
Ipswich	15	9	2	4	38	23	29
Colchester	15	9	1	5	35	24	28
Harleston Magpies	15	8	2	5	29	19	26
Blueharts	15	8	1	6	32	16	25
Westcliff	15	6	5	4	22	20	23
Crostyx	15	6	1	8	18	21	19
Ford	15	6	1	8	20	28	19
Bishops Stortford	15	5	2	8	22	40	17
Bury St Edmunds	15	4	3	8	19	29	15
Pelicans	15	4	2	9	23	29	14
Wisbech	15	3	2	10	18	38	11
Bedford	15	3	2	10	11	35	11
Cambs Nomads	15	1	1	13	8	48	4

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Patrick Division: Washington Capitals 3, New York Rangers 2: (Best-of-seven series tied 2-2); New Jersey Devils 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; (Best-of-seven series tied 2-2). Adams Division: Hartford Whalers 4, Boston Bruins 3 (Best-of-seven series tied 2-2). Buffalo Sabres 6, Montreal Canadiens 4 (Best-of-seven series tied 2-2).

YACHTING

BOC SINGLE-HANDED ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 10.59 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class I: 1, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 3231 miles; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 3261; 3, Credit Agricole IV (P Jeantot, Fr) 3382; 4, Duracell (M Plant, US), 3607; 5, Ecureuil (I Autissier, Fr), 3609; 6, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 3637; 7, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 3638; 8, Jarkan (K Bristow, Aus), 3645; 9, Grinaker (B Read, SA), 3649; 10 BBV Expo 92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 3656. Class II: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 3722; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 3784; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 3794; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 3873; 5, Sabago (H Roth, US), 4519. Corinthian Class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 4070; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 4157; 3, Shuten-dohji II (M Saito, Jap), 4248.
BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SA CHAMPIONSHIPS: First day: League I: Southampton won 8-lost 1; TCD 5-0; Bristol 4-0; London I 4-1; Aberdeen 3-3; Birmingham II 2-4; Exeter II 1-3; Reading 1-3, Essex II 1-4; Aston I 1-4, Wales I 0-5. League II: Cambridge 6-1; Birmingham I 5-1; Southampton II 4-0; Leicester 3-3; Wales II 2-1; Exeter I 2-2; Hull 2-2; Kent 1-4; Lancaster 0-3; Imperial 0-5. League III: Edinburgh 6-1; Oxford II 4-0; Glasgow 3-2; Sheffield 3-2; Brunel 2-1; Newcastle 2-2; St Andrews 2-3; York 2-3; Dundee 1-3; City 1-4; London II 1-5. League IV: Oxford I 7-0; Manchester 5-1; Cambridge II 3-1; Warwick 3-2; Liverpool 3-3; United Hospitals 2-2; Loughborough 2-3; Durham 1-3; Bath 0-3; Bradford 0-4; Essex I 0-4.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: ATP tournament: First round: F Clavet (Sp) bt M Wilander (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-4, 6-0; J Arrese (Sp) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; A Volkov (USSR) bt F Luna (Sp), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; D Perez (Uru) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 7-6, 6-1; G Perez Roldan (Arg) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4. Second round: M Filippini (Uru) bt A Gomez (Ec), 5-7 6-4, 6-4; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt R Azar (Arg), 7-5, 6-2; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-2, 7-5; O Camporese (It) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Bausch and Lomb Championships: First round: A Temesvari (Hun) bt J Exum (US), 7-6, 6-3; L Garrone (It) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; L Spadea (US) bt C MacGregor (US), 6-3, 6-4; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt C Tessi (Arg), 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; S Frankl (Ger) bt S Cacic (US), 6-2, 6-3; G Helgeson (US) bt L Corsato (Braz), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; T Whitlinger (US) bt M Paz (Arg), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Kuhlman (US) bt S Rehe (US), 7-6, 6-1; P Fendick (US) bt D Faber (US), 6-2, 6-1; B Schultz (Neth) bt F Labat (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; J Emmons (US) bt S Smith (GB), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-0, 6-2. Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-1, 6-0; V Martinek (Ger) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-3, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Rubin (US), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; I Cueto (Ger) bt M De Swardt (SA), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-3, 6-0; S Graf (Ger) bt R Simpson-Alter (Can), 6-4, 6-0.
TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles second round: J McEnroe (US) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-1, 6-4; J Connors (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 3-6, 7-6, 7-5; M Stich (Ger) bt T Mayotte (US), 7-6, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-1, 6-0; T Witsken (US) bt A Mansdorf (Israel), 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-2, 7-6; J Courier (US) bt J Grabb (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; A Mronz (Ger) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-4, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-0, 6-0; P Cash (Aus) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-2, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-3, 6-2; D Goldie (US) bt J Stimpson (US), 6-3, 7-6; D Pate (US) bt P Baur (Ger), 6-1, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-1, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-1, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt U Riglewski (Ger), 7-6, 6-4. Women's singles second round: A Frazier (US) bt K Kschwendt (Switz), 6-4, 6-3; K Okamoto (Jap) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 7-5, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-3, 6-4; L Gildemeister (Arg) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; R Hiraki (Jap) bt M Oremans (Neth), 7-5, 7-5; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Endo (Jap), 6-3, 6-1; M Werdel (US) bt M Javer (GB), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; E Sviglerova (Cz) bt E de Lone (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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SPORT

Master at work and play: Faldo sharpens his game and his appetite for a third title in a row

The Faldo article of faith

Augusta, Georgia

DAVID MILLER

ON AN agreeably sunny morning yesterday, the last day for practice, Nick Faldo, who starts today his attempt at a unique third consecutive Masters title, beat *Sports Illustrated* by 7 and 6 in a little under the hour. So complete was *SI*'s defeat that the editorial board had better undertake an immediate restructure of the magazine's swing.

A cheapskate article this week, in America's most respected sports magazine, had distortedly contrived to portray the Open champion as mechanical, humourless, remote and ungenerous. In an interview room, lined wall to wall with American writers, the player who has emulated Jack Nicklaus by winning consecutive Masters titles, was spontaneous, humorous, intimate and gracious. Try a rewrite, *SI*.

Among the many daft, gratuitously uncomplimentary observations which the magazine had made were the allegations that Faldo's perfection is "cold to the touch" and that there was no value in being a legendary player if "people cannot say they knew you". Who's touch? Which people? Was the writer speaking exclusively for himself?

Perfection is not a variable, arbitrary commodity, like *haute couture*. It is essentially simple. "I try to play down the middle, on to the green, into the hole," Faldo explained yesterday in courteous self-defence. "I haven't got the mental strength to play the way Sevvy [Ballesteros] does. He can be a danger to wildlife . . . but do write that with a laugh after it. You need to have [his] recovering ability out of the trees."

The reason why Faldo stands where he does, the world's best player, is that he painstakingly redesigned his swing during the period of unsuccessful anonymity. He had not, he said yesterday, learned to play Augusta until he won it in 1989, with iron-play as near as can be to what he wished. Perfection, I am sure, does not feel cold to him. That iron-play touch in 1989 "still gives me a buzz".

During practice on Tuesday, Faldo was relaxed, amiable . . . yet still wholly focused. "Take the rest of the day off," he quipped to the spectators when misdirecting a drive off the fairway down the 555-yard second.

Nobody expected Don Bradman to be a humorist: not when he developed a murderous intent to score 200 runs every time he went to the crease. Nobody expected to "know" Stanley Matthews, who was as shy as a fieldmouse; they just revelled in the perfection.

As Faldo played the fourth green — "I'll show you how to get out of sand," he said to the gallery from a bunker, and flipped the ball with *his* wedge up into his hand — a retired schoolteacher behind the green observed: "He's his own man, and why not. D'you want him to be your friend, or to play golf?"

If it has taken Faldo, self-made socially as well as technically, some while to adjust to being public property, it is taking America a while to adjust to European golfers in general, and the outwardly austere, private Brit in particular, displacing Americans from the centre of their own stage. Some of them, such as *SI*, with a long-time parochial sense of superiority, find it uncomfortable. *SI* has some fine writers, such as Frank Deford and Kenny Moore, but can be a shade patronising to foreigners.

Faldo and his agents, IMG, were perhaps naive, in a wish to accommodate the increased American interest in his achievements, in agreeing to a writer spending a week with him *en famille*. The close-up view of privacy was abused.

"I was disappointed," Faldo reflected yesterday. "It seemed a challenge, to let them see what goes on. I've been bitten a few times before . . . but *SI* is very respected. 'They wouldn't do that to me', I thought."

Attempting to neutralise the overt hostility, the writer had said: "The stupid thing is, in private Faldo *is* great fun." The stupidity was the comment. Golf's major tournaments are not some Bob Hope pro-am. The xenophobia was exposed by the allegation that Faldo was slightly more British than tea. And not, therefore, supposed to win.

Faldo is as unloved, *SI* suggested, as Ben Hogan. Asked yesterday if he regarded being called Hoganesque as a compliment, Faldo said yes. His objective, he unashamedly made clear, was to win. If *SI is* looking for players who are offensive, I can point them towards an American or two. Winning, it seems, is only a virtue if it is by an American.

The next four days should be as spectacular as ever. Maybe Azinger or Watson or Strange will prevent Faldo, or Woosnam, inflicting a further embarrassment of four straight British victories. The course has never looked more elegant, the flora more lusciously extravagant, the greens more deceptive and tormenting.

Faldo, as always, will keep it par-simple, down the middle. From his mood yesterday, it was evident that he had assigned *SI* to the profusion of camouflaged trash-cans that keep the course as tidy as a Blenheim Palace drawing-room.

Third jacket looks a perfect fit

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
AUGUSTA

NICK Faldo is convinced that he can create history by winning the 55th Masters, which starts here today at Augusta National. His positive attitude stems from an overwhelming belief that he will find it easier to win his third green jacket than he did the first two.

"I've been through the barrier of emotion twice," he said. "I know how to handle the course, the pressures. And my view is that it will be easier to win a third time." Faldo won in 1989 and 1990 in play-offs. He beat Scott Hoch and Raymond Floyd respectively at the second hole.

His greatest wish would be to become the first player to win the Masters three times in succession and to do so on the 18th green in view of the Augusta National clubhouse. Curiously, he said he did not feel he had completed his apprenticeship at Augusta, where first he played in 1979, until he won his first Masters.

"I wasn't comfortable here until I played in 1989 and won," he said. "The course can tie you in knots and you have to learn to unravel them. But in 1989 my iron play was as good as it has ever been. I hit so many shots close to 100 per cent the way I wanted to. That really gave me a buzz. I have that experience to draw on and, of course, that of last year.

"I've done as much practising as I need to do, without wearing myself out, to be ready this time. The most important thing is playing *this* Masters *this* year. I'll think of the consequences of doing three in a row if it happens on Sunday afternoon.

"The pressure might increase as the tournament progresses. But I've just got to keep playing golf. That is the key."

Faldo put forward Ian Woosnam, José-Maria Olazábal, Curtis Strange, Ian Woosnam and Steve Elkington, the Australian who won The Players Championship two weeks ago, as players whom he felt might be among the leading contenders this week.

But when asked if he were given a pile of money on whom would he place it, he said: "I don't know. I think I'd take the pile of money."

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Ballesteros homes in, page 40

Waddle's passes make goals for Marseilles

MOSCOW (AFP) — Marseilles are poised to reach the European Cup final after beating Spartak Moscow 3-1 here yesterday in the first leg of their semi-final.

Chris Waddle, playing his first game since being concussed after scoring the winner against AC Milan in the quarter-finals, made the first two goals for Abedi Pele and Jean-Pierre Papin in a four-minute spell.

Pele, Marseille's Ghanaian forward, opened the score when he ran on to Waddle's defence-splitting pass after 27 minutes to rifle a shot low into the far corner. Four minutes later Papin collected another superb pass from Waddle before hitting an unstoppable drive past Sheresov.

Spartak, who had conceded only one goal in six previous European Cup games, were outclassed. Shalimov headed them back into contention in the 58th minute only for Vercruysse to reply with a header from Papin's cross.

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Two-goal advantage takes United to brink of final

Legia Warsaw	1
Manchester United	3

From STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
WARSAW

BARRING an unforeseen collapse, Manchester United will play in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam on May 15. They turned a potentially awkward first leg of the semi-final here into such a comfortable stroll that there can be no realistic doubt about the overall outcome at Old Trafford in a fortnight.

Legia Warsaw, lying near the bottom of the Polish first division, suffered from the loss of their recognised goalkeeper and their captain, both of whom were suspended. Depleted from the start, they were further weakened just before half-time by the dismissal of Jozwiak for manhandling Lee Sharpe.

Sharpe, aged 19, who has signed a new five-year contract, was principally responsible for revealing the weakness of the side which surprisingly knocked out the holders, Sampdoria, in the previous round. Their own elimination is now virtually assured.

Legia gave a convincing impression that their tactics were confined exclusively to defence. Their policy, though, was also economic. Their first genuine attack, in the 36th minute, ended with Cyzio waltzing through an alarming central gap with more than sufficient time to measure his scoring drive. United's defenders had until then been occupied only by passes aimed inaccurately at Kowalczyk, a self-contained forward line. Never can hosts have opened a campaign to reach a European final in so unadventurous a manner. The representatives of the Polish army were extraordinarily reluctant to leave their own territory.

Their rearguard action, though initially firm and disciplined, had one irreparable flaw. Gmur, ordered to contain Sharpe, could neither read his intentions nor match him for pace and was belatedly replaced after an hour. The young left winger, therefore, resembled United's ace in a protracted game of patience.

Pallister, who overshadowed all of the Poles, was another prominent feature of a first half which flowed in only one direction. But, apart from McClair's crisp shot, United did not extend Legia's reserve goalkeeper until, after falling behind, they were goaded into reacting. They did so instantly.

Another of Sharpe's crosses from the left caused confusion and, after Ince and Webb had attempted to turn it in, the ball spun to McClair. Once he had bundled in the equaliser, the cracks in the Poles were enlarged and the destiny of not only the leg but also the semi-final itself was determined on either side of the interval.

Sharpe, in dispossessing Jozwiak, prompted the defender to obstruct his path, pull him back by the shirt and concede more than a free kick. Losing the right to take any further active part, he became the third of United's opponents to have been sent off in the competition this season.

The resistance of Legia, who were disheartened and numerically disadvantaged, crumbled in the second half and a humiliating defeat was prevented only by the athleticism of their goalkeeper. He denied Webb before he was beaten for the second time in the 52nd minute.

Donaghy, who had replaced Phelan during the interval, won possession and released Hughes. Bristling with purpose, the centre forward accelerated before scoring with a characteristically spectacular drive which veered in off the inside of a post. His first goal of the tournament dispelled all United's remaining doubts.

Swaggering with self-belief, they turned the closing half-hour into a gentle exhibition and attacked more or less as they pleased. They added only one more goal, in the 67th minute, but their superiority was as indisputable as the likelihood of their place in the final.

Robakiewicz, after flinging himself to deflect a shot from Hughes and before he repeated the feat to thwart Blackmore, could not prevent Bruce from extending his own personal record. The central defender claimed his eighteenth goal of the season after Hughes's cross had been nodded down by McClair.

LEGIA WARSAW: Z Robakiewicz; J Bak, A Gmur (sub: C Wojcik), M Jozwiak, P Czachowski, D Czykier, L Pisz, K Iwanicki, W Kowalczyk, M Modzelewski, J Cyzio.
MANCHESTER UNITED: L Sealey; D Irwin, C Blackmore, S Bruce, M Phelan (sub: M Donaghy), G Pallister, N Webb, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, L Sharpe.
Referee: A Constantin (Belgium).

Plaudits from Legia

WARSAW — The manager of Legia Warsaw concedes that Manchester United will reach the final and believes that they may well win the trophy (Stuart Jones writes). "They are very effective," Wladyslaw Stachurski said, "and whoever comes up against them in the final will find it difficult."

Alex Ferguson, pointed out that complacency promises to be United's main problem. "There may be a danger that the players now think that they are through but Bryan Robson will be back for the second leg and I know he'll be determined that no one takes anything for granted." United's manager hailed the display as "first-class."

West Indies and Australia play out the last rites

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN PORT OF SPAIN

THE Third Test match between West Indies and Australia, sponsored by Cable & Wireless, was moving quietly to a draw here yesterday afternoon. With a first-innings lead of 67 behind them, Australia were 53 for two in their second innings with three hours remaining.

Although for a while on Tuesday afternoon, when West Indies were having suddenly to hang on, the loss of all but two and a half hours play on the first two days produced an air of inevitability. Further rain delayed yesterday's start as well, by 55 minutes, and what followed was more academic than consequential.

West Indies lost their last two first-innings wickets for the addition of only seven runs, McDermott having Dujon leg-before without change to his overnight score and then uprooting Patterson's middle stump. Pleasing gestures on the Test field are few and far between these days, so that it was nice to see Dujon and McDermott exchanging compliments when the former was out. It was not long, though, before McDermott was doing his best to decapitate Patterson.

Trying to hook the fifth ball of the second over of Australia's second innings, Taylor dragged it into his stumps. But Marsh and Boon, old friends and opening partners in 22 Test matches before Taylor came on the scene, stayed together for 80 minutes, Boon's straight-driving when anything was pitched up to him being reassuringly solid.

As the last rites were being conducted the Australians could feel happier than when the match started, anyway with their own form. True, to win the series from here they must take the last two Tests, and it must, obviously, be longish odds against that. Twice now they have had West Indies on the ropes (when they were 75 for six in their first innings in Kingston and again when they were 56 for five on Tuesday afternoon) without being able to finish them off.

On the other hand, the pitches are usually faster in Barbados and Antigua, and if the West Indian bowlers will be glad of that, so will McDermott, Hughes and Reid.

Leaving Georgetown a fortnight ago, the Australians had every reason to be depressed. Here they have looked more like the side that sent England packing in Australia. Mark Taylor (despite yesterday's carelessness) and Hughes seem to have come out of the shadows, and, if not quite fully restored, Reid is no longer such a cause for concern. He has found his inswinger again, which is so important if he is to keep batsmen guessing.

The Australians have a problem, though, with the balance of their side. Whereas it was helpful having Stephen Waugh coming in at No. 7 on Monday, they were to feel the need of an extra bowler 24 hours later when West Indies were tottering.

West Indies' cricket in this third Test match has been a curious mixture of tentativeness and random aggression. They have hardly attacked at all in the field, employing, instead, mainly attritional tactics. Yet on Tuesday their batting collapse was accelerated by reckless strokeplay.

SCOREBOARD FROM TRINIDAD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 294 (M E Waugh 64, M A Taylor 61; B P Patterson 4 for 50)

Second Innings

M A Taylor b Patterson	2
G R Marsh lbw b Marshall	12
D C Boon not out	29
D M Jones not out	2
Extras (lb 6, nb 2,)	8
Total (2 wkts)	53

*A R Border, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, C J McDermott, M G Hughes and B A Reid to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-49.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c M E Waugh b Reid	12
D L Haynes b McDermott	1
R B Richardson c Taylor b Hughes	30
C L Hooper lbw b Hughes	12
A L Logie c M E Waugh b Hughes	1
*I V A Richards c S R Waugh b Hughes	2
†P J L Dujon lbw b McDermott	70
M D Marshall c McDermott b Border	12
C E L Ambrose c Border b M E Waugh	53
C A Walsh not out	12
B P Patterson b McDermott	0
Extras (b 6, lb 7, nb 9)	22
Total	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-18, 3-46, 4-52, 5-58, 6-86, 7-110, 8-197, 9-225.
BOWLING: McDermott 14.2-2-36-3 (3nb); Reid 22-0-79-1 (6nb); Border 19-5-29-1; Hughes 17-5-48-4; S R Waugh 5-0-10-0; M E Waugh 6-2-9-1; Jones 1-0-4-0.
Umpires: L Barker and D Archer.

Sheffield plans to set cricket alight

By MARTIN SEARBY

DON Robinson, the man who rejuvenated the ailing Scarborough Festival, promised yesterday to bring a new era to English cricket with a tripartite floodlit competition at the new Don Valley Stadium, built in Sheffield for the World Student Games.

Robinson has managed to get Yorkshire, the West Indies and a Rest of the World XI, captained by Martin Crowe, to take part in the competition, to be staged in mid-August at the 25,000-seat complex which has, at a cost of £3 million, floodlights claimed to be the best in Europe.

Robinson, a former chairman of Scarborough and Hull City football clubs, is convinced that cricket needs a new dimension and believes his floodlit competition will bring much-needed money from one-day games. "I know the purists and diehards will shake in their boots, but that really is irrelevant to what the game needs in an era which is rapidly changing, as demonstrated by the revolution taking place in soccer. Cricket has to be a part of that and this wonderful new stadium provides the arena in which it can take place.

"We are always hearing about the need for new sporting facilities, but as soon as one is built the knockers start saying that it will be a white elephant. That is nonsense, and it is up to entrepreneurs like myself to form private enterprise participation with brave councils such as Sheffield's to make it work."

Yorkshire will play a West Indies XI on August 14 and meet the Rest of the World side the following day. West Indies will meet the Rest of the World in the final game of the series.

Robinson's plans drew immediate support from the Yorkshire captain, Martin Moxon, who said: "I've played under lights in Australia and there's no doubt it is immensely popular with the paying spectators. Given decent weather, I can see this event giving a lot of food for thought to cricket authorities throughout England. For one thing, the spectators enjoy the game so much more because they can follow the ball all round the field, not always easy in natural daylight."

☐ Desmond Haynes, the West Indies batsman who scored 2,346 first-class runs at an average of 69 for Middlesex last summer, has been chosen as one of *Wisden*'s five cricketers of the year. The four others are Mike Atherton, Mohammad Azharuddin, Mark Waugh and Alan Butcher.

☐ Scotland are likely to play without an overseas professional in the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy in the coming season. Injury has prevented the New Zealand captain, Martin Crowe, from joining them as a successor to Gordon Greenidge.

The Scottish Cricket Union (SCU) is to press ahead with plans for a four-division national league in 1993.

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